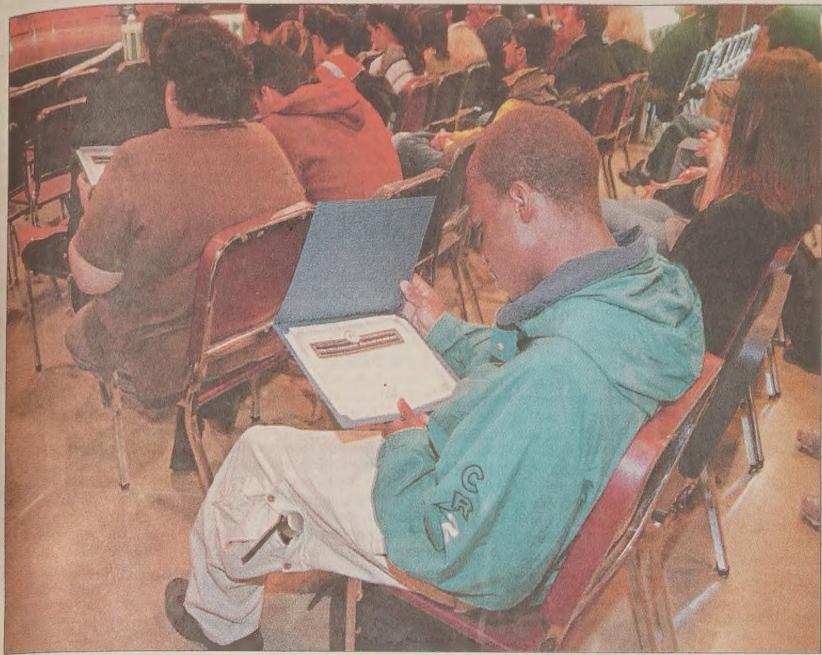


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## Honoring achievement

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL junior Seyi Akanni looks at his Outstanding Achievement Award in physics and Spanish during ceremonies for standout underclassmen at the school's Little Theater last Friday.

JOANNA JHANDA

## Albany studies change to disabled-parking process

By James Carter

ALBANY — The City Council considered a personal plea and a recommendation from the Traffic and Safety Commission that could create more blue disabled-parking spots around town.

The potential need for more handicapped parking in town came to the forefront when longtime Albany resident Marguerite Gausman petitioned for a disabled parking spot in front of her home on the 400 block of Evelyn Street. Gausman, who is disabled, said it is nearly impossible for her to find a place to park

her car near her home due to the existence of six apartment buildings crowded onto the short block.

"I've got a heart condition, I can't walk, and I can't go to church," said Gausman, who has lived in her home for 47 years. She said she felt "stuck indoors" and can't leave her home for fear of losing a parking spot.

"A lot of people have parking underneath their apartments, but they can't be bothered and park on the street," she said. "One fellow has five cars — he's a

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## First-year principal focuses on new outlook at Albany High

By James Carter

ALBANY — When Gloria Galindo urges students at Albany High School to take advantage of the opportunities education affords, she speaks with authority.

Galindo is in her first year as principal of AHS. Yet as a youth attending high school, Galindo said she "wasn't the best student." In fact, the energetic principal — candid almost to a fault — said she barely graduated from high school, then spent nearly eight years "just wandering around, and not really doing much of anything."

"I saw what happens when you don't have an education," she said recently. "That's one of the reasons I'm very motivated and enjoy talking to high school kids. I try to convince them not to waste time and do what I did — which for years was nothing, really."

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Born and raised in what she describes as "a large, traditional Mexican family," Galindo grew up in San Francisco and attended Catholic schools there. As the youngest girl in her family, "I was supposed to do the laundry and the dishes and grow up and have a husband," she said.

"I didn't have the chance to see Hispanic women who did anything but take care of their husbands and children," she said. As a teen becoming a woman, Galindo said there were few Latina role models for her to look up to — with the exception of Dolores Huerta, the United Farm Workers Union vice president.

"And I didn't know much about her either," said Galindo.

Though she is reluctant to talk about it, during her senior year, Galindo's mother died.

"She'd been dying of breast cancer for a couple of years, but hid it, and nobody knew," Galindo said. "One day she went to the hospital, and we asked my father, 'What's wrong? My father just said she was sick. That's it. My mother was in the hospital for two weeks, then came home, and we just thought — well, she's sick, that's all. One day I came home from school and she was dead. She was 42 years old."

For eight years after the death of her

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JIM ROSENAU of the Grizzly Peak Cyclists and a regional parks worker assemble one of the Inspiration Point benches at dedication ceremonies on Jan. 29.

## Cyclists' benches an inspiration

By Chris Treadway

Tilden Park's Inspiration Point now has three benches where hikers and cyclists can enjoy the eastward view thanks to the efforts of Jim Rosenau and his colleagues in the Grizzly Peak Cyclists.

The club donated funds raised during its century rides, where cyclists cover 100 or more miles in club fund-raisers, as well as volunteer time.

Rosenau said gaining clearance for the project was surprisingly easy considering that permission had to be gained from two jurisdictions. The land is owned by EBMUD and managed by the East Bay Regional Park District. Easing the potential bureaucratic tangle was Tilden Park Supervisor Jeff Wilson, "who made it really easy," Rosenau said.

Wilson secured clearances from the two agencies, had his crews work on the preparation of the bench siting and even saw to larger steps that enhanced the

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MEMBERS of the Grizzly Peak Cyclists gather at Inspiration Point, Jan. 29, for the dedication of new benches made possible by the club. Pat Greene, right, shares a story with fellow cyclist Will Daniel.

## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### Portola health fair

Information about health, nutrition and family services will be available at the Portola Health Fair on Feb. 17. Students, families and community members are invited to attend from 2:35-7 p.m. at Portola Middle School, 1021 Navelier St., El Cerrito. Among the 17 agencies taking part are the Healthy Families Outreach Program, Contra Costa County Head Start, the East Bay Perinatal Council, and Familias Unidas Counseling Center. For more information, call the Portola Healthy Start Program at 510-526-8321.

### Harding Goes Hollywood

Harding Elementary School's PTA will host a Harding Goes Hollywood, silent and live auction Feb. 12 to raise funds for the school's arts and sciences programs. Celebrity items such as a script from the movie "Big" signed by director Penny Marshall, a script and photo from the "Mary Tyler Moore" show signed by Ed Asner; a poster from the new movie, "Man on the Moon," signed by director Milos Forman and items

from "Apollo 13" autographed by Ron Howard; and other Hollywood memorabilia will be up for bid. Admission is free. The event is from 6:30-9 p.m. in the auditorium of the school, 7230 Fairmount Ave., at Ashbury, four blocks East of El Cerrito Plaza BART. Details: 510-524-0744.

### Help build bridge rail

Help Friends of Five Creeks continue its restoration of Codornices Creek at the Ohlone Greenway by building a handsome new bridge rail on the Berkeley/Albany border, opposite 1200 Masonic. Work parties begin 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, and March 4 and March 11, or March 18 if rain interferes. For information, call 510-848-9358 or email fccreeks@aol.com.

### Youth support campaign

What does it take to change a life? Support the Berkeley-Albany YMCA Annual Youth Support Campaign. The Berkeley-Albany YMCA has kicked off its annual campaign and with the help of more than 200 community volunteers,

the YMCA hopes to raise \$330,000. All money raised during the campaign will be used to provide financial assistance for local youth, teens, and families who otherwise would not be able to participate in YMCA programs. To donate to the campaign, contact Financial Development Director Jay Lowden at 510-549-4519.

### AAUW souper supper

Wednesday, Feb. 16, is the date for the annual Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women's souper supper at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito starting at 6 p.m. Pam Nelson, editor of the book "Cool Women," from Girl Press, will present a slide show of notable women from Amazonas to Rosie the Riveter. The supper and program are open to all and will be especially interesting to students. Reservations for the supper and program cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Call Miriam Oshiro at 526-1127.

## Neighbor tires of band after seven years

**EL CERRITO**— A 54-year-old man living on the 2300 block of Mono Avenue asked police in mid-December to prosecute a noisy neighbor he said has made life miserable. Apparently the man next door is a musician whose band practices in his garage, a routine he has dutifully maintained for seven years. Police report there was "significant physical evidence" to back the accuser's claim. No one was arrested, and there was no musical review offered.

■ An honest man found a wallet on the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue the afternoon of Jan. 17 and gave it to police, who in turn returned it to its owner. The wallet's contents were intact.

■ During the early morning hours of Feb. 2, police spotted a vehicle parked at San Pablo and Conlon avenues. A plume of steam was gushing from the exhaust pipe. Officers approached the cab and spotted a man fast asleep at the wheel. After a check, the slumbering driver was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle.

■ At 2:47 a.m. on Feb. 2, an elegantly dressed woman in her early 20s shopping at Safeway attempted to pay for merchandise with a check that appeared to have insufficient funds. Her girlfriend, also in her early 20s and outfitted in a formal dinner dress, pulled out her checkbook and wrote a check to cover the charges. However, the draft belonged to a 50-year-old Richmond man who had reported the check missing. Both women apparently strolled out the door empty-handed but ready to do the town.

■ Early in the morning of Feb. 5, two women in their late 20s drove down Lexington Avenue south of Blake Street in a battered automobile with a cracked windshield, burned out headlight, and a flat tire. Police stopped them and discovered they were in possession of and under the influence of methamphetamine.

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## Librarian just one of many facets

When Julie Winkelstein was put in charge of the Young Adult section of the Albany Library, she had some ideas about what she wanted to do with it, but took the time, first, just to look and to listen.

She started to read the books (she has read a good portion of the collection now), studying the collection, and the physical room, meeting other Young Adult librarians, and visiting other libraries.

One problem that she noticed caused frustration for the young adult patrons was the fact that they often didn't even think of the Young Adults section until they had already looked for things in the reference, then in children's, then seniors, and then, finally in young adults, and there it was.

It was amazing, she said, how little information there was about young adult libraries, and how little money was available for them.

Julie tried to find out what kids wanted. Needing volunteers, she tried to find out how much involvement they wanted in their library, what books they wanted, and what other activities.

She went to back-to-school nights at the high schools, armed with fliers outlining what high school students could do. And slowly, she got answers.

Even those who wrote to her about their interest added that they were very busy and had little time to give to it. But teen-agers, she feels, are a very special group of people, and what she wanted to do was make them feel worthwhile and connected to their library.

She started slowly, beginning with a Mehndi program (the temporary tattoos used by Indian women). She put on a "Do Your Own Mehndi" workshop. She was delighted with the response, from people of all ages.

An avid exponent of multi-generational programs, she feels that working together and playing together helps all of them learn to know each other and their generations.

While working at the reference desk, Winkelstein noted that many senior citizens wanted to learn about computers. And there were all these teen-agers who know so much about them. The response from the seniors

was immediate and great, but she needed more tutors.

She contacted high school teacher Susan Carlip, whose students needed extra credit. Tutoring for extra credit appealed to teacher and students, and the result was a stream of new teenaged tutors. Julie delights in watching them work together.

A workshop on Developmental Assets convinced her that teen-agers who worked with people with limited sight could learn much about getting along, about a different way of life.

She called the Orientation Center for the Blind. A visit to the center, carrying the library's "reading machine," excited a great deal of interest from the blind. She is planning her approach to the high schools.

And there is the mural she is planning, to be done by the high school students, with extra credit for their time and work. She has a wall in the Young Adult Section all ready for the art. And it is to be on separate boards, enabling her to change the murals with each new class. And the bulletin boards which will hold job announcements and displays, happenings in the community, etc.

Julie is eager about all of her ideas, and eager to get them going. And she is, and will.

But Julie Winkelstein is that kind of woman.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., her family moved to Livermore where her father was to work for the Lawrence Livermore Lab. They moved for a year to Cambridge, England.

"I lasted about three months," she says, then she went to the University of Nice in France. From there she took a train to Paris. But it was the "May Revolution," and everything in France stopped.

She was 17, literally on a train to nowhere. She stayed on the train until, finally, the Red Cross came and took the passengers to Paris.

There it was only the kindness of a stranger who took them and all of their bags to an address someone had given them, where they were able to borrow money and continue their journey on a black market freighter, that allowed returned them to England.

I was impressed when Julie made a presentation before the Library Board, and now, having gotten to know her better, I remain impressed and pleased that she is part of the Albany Library. Please give my input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My e-mail is ergenser@aol.com.

### Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Julie went to England and to UC-Berkeley every other year for eight years.

"Every time I returned to Berkeley, I changed my major," she said. After choosing and rejecting philosophy, physics and Russian, her final major was drama, in which he received his degree.

She married and had children. Started a business, "We Follow The Stork," helping people with new babies, teaching classes in baby care, and advocating for them. It lasted for 10 years, when she found that it was a need that doesn't exist any more. "People do it themselves now."

She was a library assistant, working in jails as well as libraries, was a Family Literature coordinator and worked the Bookmobile. She started a cooking school for kids, after school and at summer camps. Then came a job with the Albany Library, which fit better with her fantasy—which is likely to come to fruition—of being a writer. She has had one short story published. She has been with the Albany Library for a year, and since becoming Young Adult Section librarian, is excited and ready to go with her new ideas.

She has three daughters, chickens in her back yard, a loom for her new hobby, weaving, and a very active life. She loves her work, reads all the young adult books (they are different from older adult books) and are much more about what is going on, she notes) and thinks that everyone should read them.

It would give them a different impression of young adults, the people she so enjoys working with now.

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ALBANY — At about 10 p.m. on Jan. 30, officers responded to a disturbance on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue. A resident reported that her tenant had just hit her in the nose and she wanted him arrested. Officers arrested the Albany man for battery. He was cited and transported to the Santa Rita jail.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 31, officers stopped a blue 1994 Honda Accord on San Pablo Avenue near Fairmont Avenue for a traffic violation. The driver, a 25-year-old San Leandro man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley in the amount of \$2,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 31, officers stopped a brown 1976 Ford van for a traffic violation on Buchanan Street near Pierce Street. The driver, a 40-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley in the amount of \$10,000 and his driver's license had been suspended. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. His van was towed.

■ At about 6 a.m. on Feb. 1, Fremont police reported that they had located a brown 1984 Buick Century that had been reported as stolen from Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and the car had not been damaged or stripped. The owner was notified.

■ On the morning of Feb. 1, a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole his red 1976 Toyota from in front of his home. The thieves were able to break into the car and even reconnected the battery cable, which the owner had disconnected.

■ On the morning of Feb. 2, a resident on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night, thieves stole his sister's brown 1984 Toyota Cressida. Another resident on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves had stolen her blue 1986 Toyota Camry. There were no witnesses. The next day Richmond

police located the 1984 Toyota Cressida. They did not have anyone in custody and the thieves had performed a minor strip of the car. The owner was notified.

■ While investigating the above auto thefts, officers located a silver 1989 Toyota Camry that had been reported as stolen from Berkeley on Jan. 31. The owner was notified. Officers report that often thieves will abandon one stolen vehicle near the location that they steal a second one.

■ On the morning of Feb. 2, a resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that during the night thieves had broken into his gray Toyota Camry and his blue Toyota Camry.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 3, officers stopped a white '95 Jeep Cherokee on Gilman Street near Franklin for an expired registration. The 32-year-old Berkeley man was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited, and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 1 a.m. on Feb. 3, a resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his '91 Toyota which had been parked in his driveway.

■ On the morning of Feb. 3, a resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue reported that between 5 p.m. and the time of the report thieves broke into his red '90 Toyota Camry and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 3, a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her tan '85 Nissan Sentra and stole various items.

■ On the afternoon of Feb. 3, a resident on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had broke into his white '95 Mercury van parked in front of his home.

■ At about 8 p.m. on Feb. 3, a business on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man was loitering outside for about an hour. Albany officers contacted the 19-year-old man and found that he had a No Bail warrant from Oakland for stealing cars. He was arrested, cited and transported to Oakland jail.

■ At about noon on Feb. 4, a res-

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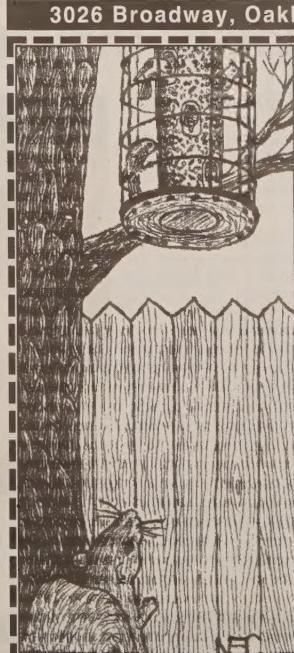
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OTHER DEPARTMENT MAN

# Time's running out for decision on BART garage

By Kate Darby Rauch

"It's time to fish or cut bait," said Councilman Larry Damon. "We can't fool around with this thing any longer."

The council last month asked city staff to investigate options for building a garage, including which locations and types are the most feasible.

The council has made some of its desires clear. It wants a facility that will provide BART parking, but also help city efforts to spur economic growth. A layered block of garage is out. The council is looking for a multipurpose development with street appeal.

"The \$6 million was supposed to pay for a sorely needed BART parking garage. Demand for parking at the city's two stations, El Cerrito Plaza and Del Norte, outstrips available spaces during peak hours, leaving residential streets lined with commuter cars."

But to date, all attempts to build a garage have failed for various reasons, from developers pulling out of projects to lack of consensus on the City Council.

Now, facing the real threat that if they don't use it, they'll lose it, city officials are scurrying to decide how to spend the money.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority, which manages Measure C funds, is warning El Cerrito that plenty of others are eager for its piece of the pie.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori con-

curs. "What we have not ruled out because it's so attractive would be to put the money toward increased bus service," she said.

The council may not have ruled out the bus idea, but Bob McCleary, executive director of the county transportation authority, said it's a highly unlikely possibility.

The language of Measure C specifies that a portion of the funds, the \$6 million, is for a parking garage in El Cerrito, he said. Using it for bus service would require an amendment that the board probably won't approve, he said.

"It's not the city's money. It's the county's money designated for a specific purpose."

Measure C is a 20-year tax, ending in 2007. It currently earns about \$54 million a year. Projects funded by it include the Richmond Parkway and the BART extension to East Contra Costa County.

McCleary said he is supportive of El Cerrito's ideas to create more than just a garage.

Yet time is of the essence, he said. While there is no set deadline for using the garage money, the transportation authority board could decide that the project is taking too long to materialize and that the cash

would be better spent elsewhere, he said.

Meanwhile, the El Cerrito council has directed the city staff to focus on three possible locations for a BART garage: in the existing parking area of the BART station across from the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center; west of the Del Norte station across San Pablo Avenue near Interstate 80; and in the central area of the city near City Hall and Moeser Lane. The latter location would include a bus or shuttle system, carrying people to and from BART.

The city's most recent attempt to use Measure C funds ground to a halt in 1997 when the developer of an ambitious project to revitalize the El Cerrito Plaza suddenly pulled out of the deal to put the garage on plaza land.

Developers of the present plaza renovation, scheduled to begin soon, made clear from the beginning they are not interested in a joint effort with the city to build BART parking.

At the same time, the start of Plaza renovations will mean the eviction of the cars of hundreds of commuters who now park in the center's lot. That, in turn, will increase the number of cars seeking parking in neighborhoods.

## IN BRIEF

### Greenway clean up

It's time again to make the Ohlone Greenway a little greener. Sustainable El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Police Department are combining forces on weed and litter patrol along the Greenway. On Saturday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. on both days, join police and sustainable folk as they weed, prune, pick up litter and generally restore, clean up and improve the Greenway. If it's raining on the above dates, Feb. 19 and March 18 are the alternative work party days. Meet on the Greenway at Potrero Avenue.

No experience is required and everyone is welcome. Bring work gloves and tools if you have them.

"These are part of the continuing efforts to identify and abate conditions along the Greenway that detract from its appearance and foster user concerns about personal security," Interim Police Chief Peter Sarna reported about the clean up. "Police department staff will be supporting and participating in both work parties."

Call Lori Dair of Sustainable El Cerrito at 232-6466 for more information, or e-mail: loridair@earthlink.net.

### Under new management

Bruce King has been named El Cerrito's new Maintenance and Engineering Services Division manager. King had served as the interim manager for the past five months.

"Bruce applied for the position in an open-competitive process and was the best qualified individual," said Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft. King has worked for the city since 1995.

"I am confident he will continue to give the city the same high quality service that he has provided in the past," Raycraft said.

### Fire talk

Fire Chief Mark Scott reported last week that the Fire Department is expanding its community fire prevention education efforts. Scott said the successful "Learn Not To Burn" fire safety program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade is expanding for use throughout the school year.

"Previously we confined our educational efforts to the weeks preceding Fire Prevention Week in October," Scott said.

Scott reported that Firefighter Teresa Pace is also making rounds at Kensington and El Cerrito senior programs to deliver both fire safety and fall prevention messages as part of the "Remember When" program.

"Senior citizens and children under 5 years of age are far more likely to die in fires at home than any other age categories," Scott said. "Falls are a major cause of injury to our senior citizen population. Many falls result in emergency calls to the Fire Department," he said.

### Lights and siren

Fire Chief Mark Scott and others

are working to improve ambulance response times in Kensington and southeast El Cerrito.

"Ambulance response into Kensington meets the county standard of less than 10 minutes only about 45 percent of the time," Scott said in a report last week to the City Council and city manager.

The contracted ambulance service provider, American Medical Response, must meet the 10-minute standard on 95 percent of West County calls overall, Scott said.

"AMR meets the standard at 98 percent or 97 percent every month," he said. AMR is not obligated to meet the response time standard in every area of West County, Scott said.

"We have worked closely with AMR over the last year and have implemented several response strategies that we thought would reduce response times," Scott said. "None of the strategies have worked."

"Last month we appeared before the Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services review committee and made an appeal that all communities should receive advanced life support medical care," Scott said. In East Contra Costa, Scott said, the EMS office has funded incremental costs of a paramedic program for areas with extended ambulance response times.

"The program is very successful," he said.

The county EMS office, AMR and El Cerrito Fire Department have agreed to study having the EMS office or AMR fund incremental costs of funding an engine company paramedic program for the Kensington fire station.

A county fire chiefs' report on funding an engine company paramedic program county-wide is due out this spring. "Implementation of the county chiefs' program, if adopted, would take several years," Scott said. "At this time, I am cautiously optimistic that the EMS office, AMR and ECFD can reach agreements on a local program that will bring a resolution of the Kensington/southeast El Cerrito situation sooner."



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Also, children in grades first through fifth who currently reside in Albany need to register at this time.

Children must be age 5 on or before December 2000 and must show a birth certificate as proof.

Also required are proofs of residence, including a home deed or rental agreement with phone num-

ber for verification, and two other proofs such as a driver's license and a utility bill.

Registering your child at the closest school does not guarantee assignment to that school. Many factors are considered in student assignment.

For kindergarten registration, par-

ents must bring the child's certified birth certificate, baptismal certificate or passport and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases.

Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, DTP, measles (Rubella), mumps, rubella (German measles), and Hepatitis B for each kindergarten child is required. No child can enter kindergarten next fall unless s/he has had these immunizations.

Minimum doses required for Polio are four, as long as the third dose was received after the fourth birthday; and four doses for DTP, as long as the fourth dose was also received after the fourth birthday.

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## VIEWPOINT

### Teachers an important part of the equation

By David De Hart

**C**ongratulations fellow Albany teachers. We had high scores and number 10 rankings for every school in the district in the state's new Academic Performance Index.

We could all debate whether the test used truly measures good teaching and successful schools, especially when the state factored in the scores of students with limited English proficiency. What is clear is good teachers are essential in schools that earned a rate of 10.

Most likely, those same schools serve middle-to-upper-middle class communities, enjoy strong support from parents who raise great kids, have strong administrators who encourage faculty input and decision making, and pay teachers a good salary. We teachers of Albany Unified are good teachers doing an excellent job who will always strive to do better because we care and we are professionals.

Anyone who has attended only one or perhaps many school board meetings might ask the question, "Why am I here tonight?" I certainly have, but I always had an answer, the memo-

rable words of my mentor and friend, Charlie Clarke: "If the president doesn't attend every school board meeting, then who is going to represent the teachers on any given night?"

An oversight of a board member at the last meeting drove this lesson home.

After an administrator announced the test scores, a board member praised the students, their parents and the community. After taking the microphone and supporting the comments made, I pointed out to the board that a vital ingredient to the rankings went unmentioned—Good teachers who need to be given positive recognition verbally and monetarily.

Six years working in factories taught me the importance of unions. Joining together is the only way to ensure our stake in the partnership of education which includes children, parents and teachers.

You all deserve praise and your negotiating team is working hard on your behalf to get the remuneration that shows you are appreciated by the entire community as well.

David De Hart is president of the Albany Teachers Association

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Teachers' pay doesn't keep pace

Albany has long been a community that supports its schools. Last year, a parent committee (which included one teacher) worked diligently to pass a parcel tax. The measure brought badly-needed funds to the district to help preserve and add programs for students.

This same committee and other members of the community were outraged when informed that a portion of the funds was used to retain teachers.

They angrily asserted that "the parcel tax money was not to be used for teachers' salaries." It seems that there is an important ingredient missing here: there can be no programs without teachers.

To a great extent, teachers are the programs. The language "not to be used for teachers' salaries" is offensive and disrespectful toward teachers. Some teachers feel that they are no longer the target of parental outrage.

The community needs to be reminded that Albany Schools have always had dedicated teachers who genuinely care about their students. These teachers are not in the profession for the money.

However, it is becoming ever more difficult to make ends meet in the costly Bay Area on salaries that lag far behind the salaries of other professionals. Some school districts are now resorting to measures like subsidized housing and bonuses to attract and retain new teachers. Albany has many

new, young teachers who find it difficult to pay rents and impossible to purchase a home here. How can the district continue to attract qualified teachers when they cannot afford to live in or near the community?

Why do teachers feel that they are always last when it comes to budgeting money for salary increases? The salary inequity between the teaching profession and other professions, e.g. law, engineering, business, accounting, was brought home to me in a recent conversation I had with my daughter.

She is beginning her second year as a lawyer in a San Francisco law firm. When she said she would soon be getting a large salary increase due to the booming economy, my parent side asked: "And how much would that be?" When she casually replied \$25,000 to \$30,000 on top of her already substantial salary, I dropped the glass I was holding.

After regaining my composure, my teacher side said: "Though you are just beginning your career, you feel valued for your education and expertise. On the other hand, many veteran teachers like me feel that our considerable education, experience and expertise are not valued, since our salaries are so low."

I have been thinking a lot about our conversation lately, and I am reminded that my daughter is a former Albany High School student who has been successful in large part because of dedicated, able teachers like Elizabeth Kline, David DeHart, Don DePasquale and Richard Lohman, to name only a few. Besides excelling in the classroom, these veteran

teachers continue to fight for liveable salaries and respect for teachers as professionals. It has been a long and discouraging struggle. When teachers do get a raise, it is often 1 or 2 percent, far below the cost of inflation.

If the Bay Area economy is booming, why can't some of this wealth be shared with teachers, who play such a critical role in educating our young people for productive careers in that economy.

The Albany School District, of course, is not solely responsible for teachers' low salaries, since its budget depends heavily on monies coming from the state.

Unfortunately, these monies are not sufficient to support the kinds of schools that Albany needs and deserves. In this era of state budget surpluses, the governor and legislature need to provide substantially more funds for schools (California currently allocates \$1,000 less per student than the average state). They need to allow and encourage school districts to raise teachers' salaries if they hope to attract and retain qualified new teachers and honor teachers who have been in the profession for the long haul, who value and love what they do. Let's face it: we are always willing to pay for the things in life that we value.

So I say to parents and other residents, thank you for your tireless work raising money for Albany Schools. Now let us all join together to convince the governor and legislators to substantially increase the money they are appropriating for schools and for teachers. It is time for all to acknowledge that quality schools cost money

and to recognize that good teachers are the main ingredient in quality schools.

It is time also to pay teachers properly for their professional expertise and experience and for the dedicated work they do every day for Albany's children.

Barbara Brunetti,  
Teacher, Albany Unified  
School District

impression that the kids had been singing "Springtime for Hitler" instead of "Oh, My Darlin', Clementine."

Never once does Godner comment about the amount of time or work by the director, school staff, parents or, more importantly, the children that obviously went into putting on this production.

Godner is correct in one thing — that throughout American history there have been evils and atrocities which cry out to be exposed and discussed. Unfortunately, the Deborah Godners of this world have neither the finesse nor rhetorical technique to do it effectively. Anyone reading her letter would rightly dismiss it as just further ranting by the P.C. Police.

Had Godner genuinely wanted to bring about some kind of reform at Marin School, would it not have been sufficient for her to bring her concerns to the staff? Other than calling attention to herself, I cannot imagine her motivation for addressing this sensitive issue in such a public forum as a letter to the editor.

Unless things have changed drastically in the past few years, my memory of the Marin School instructors is that they are extremely hip, well-educated and sensitive people. I doubt that they need Godner to point out the shames of our history to them.

I clearly remember these issues being dealt with in my own children's fourth- and fifth-grade classes and how proud I was when they came home at 9 and 10 years of age with a deep abhorrence of exactly the kind of social injustice to which Godner refers.

Rick B. Robinson

### MEASURE A

#### Ballot statement for Measure A

This is the official Ballot Statement in Support of Measure A on file with the El Cerrito city clerk.

The El Cerrito community is coming together to finally address long-standing infrastructure needs by putting Measure A on the ballot by a unanimous vote of the City Council. Its passage will affirm that we are a city moving forward together and not a city in decline.

For the first time in recent years, every major political group in the city has reached consensus and enthusiastically supports Measure A. Why?

Because Measure A will:

- Create a designated infrastructure fund out of existing revenue to be used primarily for road repair, seismic upgrades, and preparing for fires and disasters. This fund will not require you to pay any additional taxes. Set a fixed rate of a maximum of

approximately \$58 a year per house for immediate infrastructure and recreational needs and will sunset after 20 years, but the facilities it funds will be around far longer.

Renovate a deteriorating swim center that will serve our community for 40 years.

Restore park clubhouses and give seniors, scouts, people with disabilities, children and adults wonderful places to gather and learn. These clubhouses have been closed for years due to seismic and safety hazards.

The El Cerrito Citizen's Alliance has opposed a number of previously proposed taxes that we felt were not in the interest of the taxpayers.

We enthusiastically support this measure because in addition to attending to the immediate problems of the pool and parks, section 10 of

this bond issue mandates that the city spend significant sums on other infrastructure needs (streets, buildings etc.) without additional taxes.

This 20-year mandate can only be modified by the voters, not by any council, thereby ensuring that the long neglected needs of the city will be addressed.

The above statement is on file in the city clerk's office and is signed by: Margaret A. Collins, Mayor Mark Friedman, El Cerrito Gators President Michele Jawad, El Cerrito Citizen's Alliance co-coordinator Steve B. Magyary and Arthur E. Schroeder. Rebuttal Arguments Against Measure A, on file with the city clerk, will be published in next week's Journal.

#### Ballot statement against Measure A

This is the official Arguments Against Ordinance No. 99-8 (Measure A), on file with the El Cerrito City Clerk.

El Cerrito residents face an estimated \$35 million for streets, roads, public building repairs.

Since the 1980s, El Cerrito has allocated less than 2 percent annually for this purpose. Although the current budget is over \$15 million, the imbalance between funding for services and infrastructure needs has raised the price tag sharply higher with each passing year.

However, rather than look at our needs as a whole, obtain realistic estimates, priorities, the council has placed, despite widely varying estimates, a bond measure before you for \$4.9 million for swim center, and a modest park rehabilitation for approximately \$350,000.

We urge you to reject this hastily

and poorly conceived measure because:

The council has yet to explore alternative, more viable, creative solutions.

Indexing future maintenance to the real property transfer tax is in itself "volatile and hard to predict year to year," that has been successfully challenged in court as unconstitutional, and in danger of disappearing, would cause serious problems.

Projecting a continuous boom-time scenario of \$700,000 from the transfer tax is unrealistic. It would still require a series of additional bond measures.

The swim center is used by less than 7 percent of El Cerrito residents. The rest come from neighboring communities.

The 20-year parcel tax is the more expensive way to finance the renovation of an outdoor pool.

Although the council rejected an indoor therapeutic pool, most appropriate in our cool climate and of particular benefit to our aging and disabled populations, seniors still bear the brunt of this new 20-year/\$1,200 tax.

The means tested, bureaucratic "exemptions" would make it extremely difficult for seniors to opt out. Yet there are exemptions for absentee landlords and the Mira Vista Country Club. No means testing here.

We need a better, more equitable solution.

The above statement is on file in the city clerk's office and is signed by: Linda C. Blum, Evelyn Kiresen and Bob Winslow. The official rebuttal to this statement, on file with the city clerk, will be published in next week's Journal.

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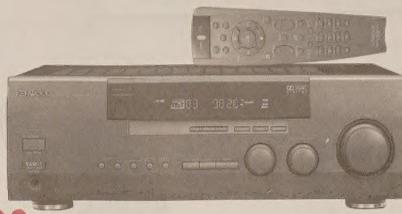
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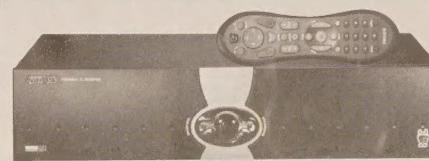
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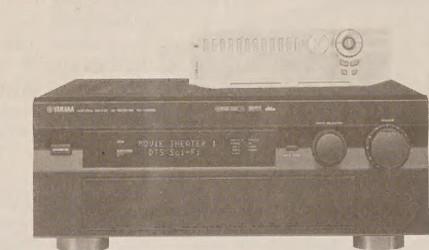
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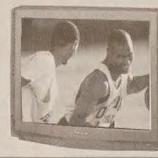


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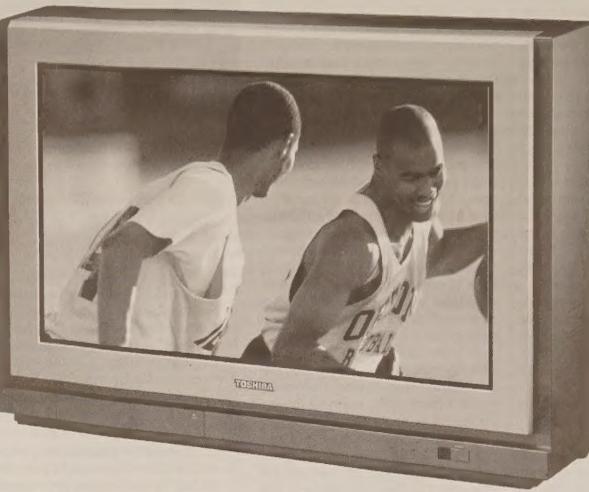
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# Klinger sees bright future for El Cerrito business

Newly-installed Chamber of Commerce President Michael Klinger sounded a strong note of optimism about the outlook for business in his inaugural address to members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an exciting time to be in business," he told a packed house at the chamber's annual installation and awards dinner late last month.

"We are in the midst of an economic expansion the likes of which none of us have ever seen," Klinger said. "Continued low unemployment, mild inflation, low interest rates and a government seemingly committed to keeping our economy on this track."

"More people working and low interest rates means that people have more money to spend and what better place to spend their dollars than El Cerrito, right?"

The new chamber president went on to point out that we will "hopefully" soon have a new El Cerrito Plaza.

"If we can figure out a way to get traffic moving in and out of El Cerrito, via the freeway," Klinger said, "this will be a major plus for all of us."

He went on to tell the audience that thanks largely to some of the chamber's members, economic development is on the verge of becoming a new entity within the city.

"This can and will help the business community and benefit all the residents of El Cerrito," he said. Klinger concluded by saying he "looks forward to continuing the successful programs that we have already initiated and to seeing what else we can do to benefit our members and the residents of the El Cerrito area."

## New members join

Kate Gilpin, owner of the Richmond home-based business Words Into Print, has become the El Cerrito Chamber's newest member.

According to Gilpin, Words Into Print offers a broad spectrum of services ranging from assistance with family history, memoirs, biography, fiction and poetry to biochemistry, computer science, psychology, health, architectural specifications and business documentation.

Gilpin points out she has over 20 years of experience in writing and editing, and offers fast service and reasonable rates. She offers pickup and delivery service, and a courtesy initial consultation may be arranged by telephoning 236-0919.

## Two more early renewals

Two more members have added their names to the list of those who are among the first to reinvest in the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The directors would like to thank Margie Myers and Tradeway Stores for showing their support by joining this organization for another year.

## Talk of tax measure

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Damon will be guest speaker at the Feb. 28 business luncheon of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

At this session, which is scheduled for noon at Little Auge's Restaurant and Tavern at 6115 Potrero Ave., Damon will speak on "The Case for Measure A."

Measure A on the March 7 El Cerrito ballot calls on property owners to pay approximately \$58 annually for 20 years to renovate the local swim center, rehabilitate Canyon Trail Clubhouse, restore restaurants at Huber, Poinsett and Harding parks, and establish a dedicated fund with mandatory yearly contributions from the General Fund to maintain and replace capital city facilities.

Reservations for this event are required, and may be made by telephoning the chamber office at 233-7040 on or before Feb. 23.

## First mixer scheduled

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce holds its first mixer of the year on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5:30-7 p.m., at Summerville El Cerrito Royal located at 6510 Gladys Ave.

Reservations are not required, but would be helpful in planning the event. Call the office at 233-7040.

## Chamber dinner no problem

Ties between city government and the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce are as strong as ever, despite the failure of Mayor Mark Friedman and Councilwoman Gina Brusatori to attend the business group's annual installation and awards dinner Jan. 28.

After receiving letters from Friedman explaining his absence, Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick said the pair had a right not to attend since the event was held at Spenger's Restaurant in Berkeley, an establishment that is the target of a union boycott.

At the same time, Glinternick praised Mayor Pro-tem Larry Damon and Councilwoman Kathie Perka for attending the banquet.

"They were elected to represent all the people of El Cerrito, and the business community is among those people. These two were just doing their job," said Glinternick.

In his letter to the chamber manager, Friedman stated:

"I deeply regretted having to miss the chamber's annual installation dinner last Friday night at Spenger's Restaurant in Berkeley. I was really looking forward to discussing my views on the economic future of El Cerrito with Chamber members."

## El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

"So, I was disappointed to learn that the event was going to be at Spenger's which is on the AFL-CIO do-not-patronize list. I am also fully aware that no one at the chamber was aware of the labor problem at the time when the dinner was booked with a sizable deposit."

"In no way would I expect those who remember the previous Spenger's as always being a union staffed restaurant to realize that the new Spenger's is definitely not union and is indeed resisting efforts to have previous union employees rehired. That is why the Central Labor Council has placed Spenger's on the boycott list and is regularly picketing around the entrance. I have a lifelong commitment to not patronizing union boycotted establishments and not crossing picket lines."

"I know that you personally have always supported legitimate efforts by labor to organize and have always realized that being pro-business is not at all contradictory with being sympathetic to labor unions. I am the same way."

"I hope your membership will forgive my non-attendance and I hear the dinner was a very successful event. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with the chamber ever since taking office on the council and have especially appreciated all of the input from you and chamber members into the new economic development plan for the city. I am looking forward to a continued close relationship and hope that you will invite me to address the chamber at one of your functions soon."

## Chamber co-sponsors Earth Day

Once again the El Cerrito Chamber will co-sponsor Earth Day on Saturday, April 15.

The year 2000 celebration will feature hundreds of residents and business people contributing their time and energy to improving parks, schools, creeks, and a variety of other projects designed to make this community a more attractive place to live, work and do business.

This year's Earth Day will focus on sprucing up the Ohlone Greenway, schools and neighborhood parks. Employees of local businesses are being invited to join community volunteers in working on one or more of the over 30 project sites.

As always, Earth Day activities will be funded primarily from donations of cash, food or other materials from local residents and businesses. Chamber members who wish to make a donation are asked to contact the Earth Day Committee at 215-4350.

## Chamber aids art project

The El Cerrito Chamber office, 10848 San Pablo Ave., has been selected as one of six sites for collection of keys and dollar bills for a community-art column.

A team of artists are already hard at work creating a column that will be part of a Contra Costa Countywide Arts Millennia celebration at the Concord Pavilion in July before taking up



RETIRING CHAMBER president Bill Kerber, left, passes the gavel to his successor, Michael Klinger.

permanent residence in El Cerrito.

El Cerrito's column will be done in wood, metal, ceramic, and paint, and will use recycled materials including keys from homes or businesses.

Keys and \$1 bills may be mailed to Sustainable El Cerrito, CA 94530, or can be dropped off at the chamber office; City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.; Community Center, 7007 Moeser; Senior Center, 6500 Stockton; and Glenn Custom Frame Shop, 7027 Stockton; and Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 7502 Airmont Ave.

Or, if you wish, you can bring your donations to the Community Center on Earth Day, April 15, where you can see local artists working on the column.

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Wednesday, March 1, modified Progress Report Night 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, modified Senior Car Wash, Sunday, March 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chevron on Avenue and Colusa.

PTSA Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., Room 812, School Site Council, Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m., ECHS Library. The Thespians, March 8, 9, 10, 11 p.m., ECHS Little Theater. Community dinner, "Where Do We Come From?" Tuesday, March 14, ECHS cafeteria.

All District Music Festival, Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Auditorium. Choir and band students. Student Blood Drive, Wednesday.

## IN BRIEF

## International House offers programs

International House Berkeley, a national residence and cultural center, has scheduled several activities for February. Activities include:

- Economic Partnership Ventures: Oscar Recovery and the Zim Model. I-House's spring semester opening lecture in its Global Studies series, will be at 7:30 p.m. Roger Rakotomalala, a native of Madagascar who runs an import-business and a travel agency, Richard Shaw, vice president of I-House, will speak.

African-American Dinner and Extravaganza will be Feb. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and costs \$10. The performance is at 8 p.m. I-House residents and \$3 for public.

House, whose approximately 600 members represent more than 60 nationalities, is a nonprofit international institution that offers programs of recreational, cultural and social activities. Its mission is to promote understanding and friendship among all races, nations and cultures.

ough part of the UC-Berkeley International House, at 2299 Shattuck Ave., is separately incorporated and independent. Nonresidents

are welcome to become members of International House.

Call 510-642-9460.

## Free screening for prostate cancer

Doctors Medical Center Pinole is offering free prostate cancer screenings on Feb. 29 for men who are 50 and older who have not had a digital rectal exam or PSA test in the last year, and are not under the care of a physician.

According to Dr. Brazell Carter, chief of staff at Doctors Medical Center Pinole, African-American men have the highest death rate for prostate cancer in the world. Prostate cancer is the most common male cancer and the second leading cancer killer of Americans.

In recognition of this health problem and February being Black History Month, the medical center is offering the free screenings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. at 2151 Appian Way. Advance registration is required.

Call 800-206-9355 for more information and to schedule an appointment. The center also offers prostate cancer support groups.

News briefs are compiled by Dora Scardina. If you have an item of interest, contact her at 510-262-2732 or at dscardina@cctimes.com.

day, March 29, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Red Cross Support Bank in girl's gym.

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## Time to put Civil War's legacy to rest



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Nowadays, there's a revisionist view being bruited about that says the Civil War really wasn't about slavery. It's claimed the war was really about states' rights (which turns out to be the right to own slaves), or even about tariffs.

If you believe that, there's a bridge in Brooklyn I'd like to sell you. No matter how they try to spin it, racism was the *raison d'être* of the Confederacy from day one. During the war, it was official Confederate policy to take white Union prisoners alive, if possible, but to massacre captured black Union soldiers on the spot.

And it doesn't help the pro-flag argument when the South Carolina legislator who heads the Save the Flag committee calls the NAACP "The National Association for the Advancement of Retarded People." (Later, when he was called upon to apologize, he said he apologized to all retarded people.)

Racists all over the world, from militiamen in Montana to diehard apartheid advocates in South Africa, seem to be under no illusions about what the Confederate flag really means.

They've gleefully appropriated it as a symbol of their own hate-filled doctrines.

But let's ignore all that and take the pro-flag folks at their word: that they're only trying to honor their Confederate heritage. Even then, their argument still comes up short.

As I said, I'm a recovering Copperhead, which means I eventually got over it.

So, I thrilled to the tales of romance and the glory. Sure, I cried when I read about the deaths of Lewis Armistead, Patrick Cleburne and "The Gallant Pelham." Sure, my heart leaped when I heard jaunty Southern marches like "The Bonnie Blue Flag." But if you listen carefully to the lyrics of "The Bonnie Blue Flag," you'll see what's really underneath the romantic rhetoric: We are a band of brothers And loyal to the soil,

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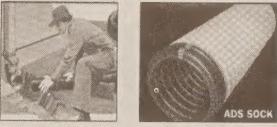
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# Principal

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mother, Galindo worked as a waitress and at other jobs, wandering, not certain what to do with her life. "Then one day I decided I wanted to do something," she said. So Galindo went back to school.

The future principal attended Sonoma State University while working full time. After earning her bachelor's degree, Galindo wasn't sure what to do next.

But one day, Galindo went to visit a friend teaching at a high school. The atmosphere on campus, the sight of young people overwhelmed by an uncertain future yet energetic and full of life, struck her right between the eyes. When she looked at them, she thought of her days in high school and what could have happened if she had been motivated back then.

"I saw all these kids wandering around, and felt I had something to tell them," she said, recollecting the experience. "I was really excited and thought — 'I'll be a teacher!'"

After earning her credential, Galindo taught in Santa Rosa, then attended San Francisco State University, earning a credential in special education, a program she taught at Balboa High School in San Francisco. But after five years there, Galindo — like many other teachers — hit the wall of bureaucracy head-on.

"I thought there must be a way to operate a school more efficiently," she said. "San Francisco Unified has a lot of fine qualities, and I don't know if it's the size of the district, or the politics there, but I really wasn't happy with the way they conducted business."

Galindo contemplated leaving the teaching profession.

"I think teachers are given a bad rap, and are not treated with the re-

spect they deserve. Teaching is hard work, and a teacher's day isn't over at 3 p.m."

But as more and more teachers turned to her for leadership in their efforts to outwit the bureaucracy, Galindo became aware of her skills and decided to become an administrator.

As vice principal at Balboa, one of the poorest high schools in San Francisco, she was again confronted with the Kafka-like bureaucracy.

"Again, I realized that education isn't working, that people aren't paying attention and taking care of business. You could not get someone to answer the phone in that district. And students were graduating who couldn't read," she said.

It was then that Galindo learned Albany High School was seeking a vice principal. She leaped at the opportunity, and just a year later, became principal.

"This school has so much going for it," she said with unbridled enthusiasm. "The district office is unbelievably helpful and supportive. Connie Hubbard has been a mentor to me in many ways. And in this unbelievable way, everything came together."

Yet everything wasn't beautiful at Albany High. Galindo inherited a school in the midst of construction, with no building, one where many students were bitterly pessimistic. During her first few months as principal, Galindo and her two assistant vice principals tried to turn things around. But it was tough.

The new principal and staff worked hard to transform homecoming — a traditional and popular event with students, yet one that enjoyed little support in the community — into a positive and enjoyable high school experience.

Despite all efforts by staff and stu-

dents, hoodlums did their best to ruin

the event. All of a sudden, the effervescence students felt at the beginning of the year evaporated.

But Galindo is not the type of person to give up. Homecoming was just a bump on the road to the motivated administrator, who works with her two assistant principals every day, and decided to become an administrator.

"A good leader is only as good as the people around them," Galindo said. "And we have two outstanding people working here as vice principals. The school is very important to all of us, and we all want things to work, no matter what it takes to get things done. Nobody of us ever asks, 'Is that my job?' We work together until things get done."

Despite the difficulties faced by all educators these days, Albany High's principal is undaunted.

"We're willing to get things done, no matter how difficult the task," she declared. "It will happen. And it will happen for all the students in this school — not just the college bound, but everybody."

One of Galindo's goals is to develop more programs for teens who aren't interested in going to college, without neglecting those who do.

"I didn't want to go to college when I was a teen," she said. "Did that mean I was a failure? That's certainly how I felt. But what about the kids that don't want to go to a university? What are we offering them?"

"We should have something for those kids as well, programs where they can learn trades so we are taking care of everybody. Sometimes I think that I should have been an electrician. The electrician is paid quite a bit more than a teacher, let me tell you."

And Galindo is a blue collar-style professional, one ready to jump into difficult situations, and get her hands



**ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL** Principal Gloria Galindo speaks from experience as she works to impart the value of education to students.

dirty until the job is done. Brutally honest and down to earth, Galindo says what she thinks and does what she believes is right. And she enjoys her job.

"It's a miracle when you get up in the morning and you love going to work," Galindo said. "And I love this job. I do. Working with young people, helping to motivate them, will use their time wisely and make something from their life what could be better?"

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## Community college lands building site

By Marc Albert

**BERKELEY** — Vista College announced it will buy a downtown parking lot for \$1.9 million and build new facilities on the site.

"The rented space we have now is not really appropriate as a learning environment," said Jeffrey Hayman, spokesman for the Peralta Community College District, which operates Laney College and Merritt, formerly Grove Street College. "We want to provide state-of-the-art facilities for our students and the community."

Students now attend classes at two

downtown locations and in classrooms provided by UC-Berkeley.

The purchase marks the settlement of an eminent domain action filed by the district to take ownership of the lot. "With the formal acquisition of title to the property we are now able to rapidly move forward in the process to build a new facility for Vista Community College," said Peralta Community College District Chancellor Ronald Temple.

Hayman said the district is in the process of selecting an architect for the building, which is to serve as a new campus for the 4,250-student institu-

tion. The new building will be between six and seven stories and may include below ground parking.

The district has set aside \$15 million for construction, which could be augmented by funding provided by a November bond issue, should the measure be approved by voters. Vista College spokeswoman Shirley Fogarino said the district hopes to open the building in time for fall of 2002.

The Downtown Berkeley Association said it had no position on the future development, but pledged to work with the school to "find creative solutions to parking problems downtown."

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# West County teachers are facing tough choices

Analysts say some perks have to go if West County wants to increase salaries

By Suzanne Pardington

RICHMOND — Luring more credentialed teachers and keeping them home from a rallying cry lately for more West Contra Costa school district officials. But according to a new study, the district needs to get tougher, and more generous, with teachers at the bargaining table.

Consultants hired by the district to look for money for higher teacher

salaries found that West Contra Costa

has the highest special education costs in the state, smaller class sizes than the California average and teacher benefits and planning

administration costs in the district

slightly exceed the state average,

the study reported.

The dilemma for West Contra

Costa is you can't have it all," said Ron Bennett, president of School Services of California, the Sacramento-based consulting firm that studied district spending. "You can't have high service to kids and high benefits and have competitive salaries. Something has to become less of a priority."

The Budget Fiscal Analysis was commissioned last summer when

## STACKING UP AGAINST THE STATE

Annual comparison: West Contra Costa Unified School District vs. state average

WCCUSD State average

Annual Special Education cost per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) \$956, \$575

Students per teacher 19.76, 21.39

Annual benefits per teacher \$7,100, \$5,846

Annual lifetime retiree benefits (per teacher) \$2,488 n/a

SOURCE: SCHOOL SERVICES OF CALIFORNIA

the district and teachers were at an impasse during contract negotiations. The talks ended with a deal to increase teacher salaries by 7.61 percent. With extra money from the state, first-year teacher salaries rose to \$32,000 from \$28,942.

According to the study, the 32,000-student district is one of only 12 in California to offer health benefits to retired employees and their spouses until they die. That alone costs the districts \$5 million a year, with the price tag expected to rise as more teachers live longer and health care costs mount.

School board members—some of whom campaigned on teacher-friendly platforms—said they are hesitant to make deep cuts to the \$200 million general fund budget.

"You can't just say, 'cut it,'" said Trustee Karen Leong Fenton. "There's a human face to all this."

Trustee Patricia Player, a retired teacher who was supported by the teacher's union in her November campaign, said teachers were given lifetime benefits in 1974 because the district couldn't afford raises.

She said health benefits are important to her, and she would not ask other teachers to give them up.

"You feel like you'll be taken care of—that you'll always have good health care," she said.

Small class sizes, lifetime health benefits and teacher planning time are perks that the union fought hard to win and refuses to cede—even for higher salaries, said Marta Dragos, president of United Teachers of Richmond.

Yet higher salaries are needed to retain teachers in the state's competitive market, said Dragos, adding that she thought the consultants were looking down the wrong path.

"We have to look at ways to try for more (outside) money for urban schools," said Dragos. "To look at what we've got and divvy up the pie is not an answer."

But Trustee George Harris III, who also won teachers union support, said everything's on the table when the next contract talks begin this spring, including the lifetime benefits.

"Nobody's talking about cuts yet," he said. "I want to hear what teachers have to say. Would you rather have higher salaries or teacher planning time? It's clear from the analysis we don't have the money to do both."

Jamming a revolving door of teachers has become a key focus for the district, which sees hundreds leave each year. Of the 280 new teachers hired by the district in the 1998-99 school year, 62 percent were interns or teaching on waivers or emergency or out-of-state credentials.

The consultants did not make di-

rect recommendations on where to cut, but found areas where the district—with some of the state's lowest performing schools—far outspent most others.

One such area is special education, which may prove hardest to cut, since state and federal laws mandate what services the district must provide. It spends about \$14 million from its general fund budget on special education. About \$20 million comes from state and federal funds.

"We have a responsibility and obligation to serve children, but we don't have the funding to manage it without encroaching deeply on the general fund, which takes away from other services," said Susie VanDeVeir, regional superintendent for special

education.

Steve Collins, the district's special education director, attributed the high cost to the number of special education children. About 14 percent of students in the district are in special education programs, compared to about 10 percent statewide.

But the state allocates special education money based on the total district population, not by the number of special education students.

Other factors may include the cheaper rents that draw more group homes to the district, which must then take on the expense of those residents, legal costs, and a high number of medically sensitive special education children who need nurses and aides.

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## Parking

BY SUZANNE PARDINGTON

"Used to be a salesman," Gausman added. When questioned, Gausman said he was a driveway beside his home, and he said it is too narrow to ne-

more."

While considering Gausman's request, the Traffic and Safety Commission decided that disabled residents seek handicapped parking spots apply only to them rather than the City Council, which is the current arbitrator.

The council later unanimously ad-

ded a motion asking staff to draft a plan that would conditionally approve Gausman's request.

During a thorough debate, city commissioners weighed the consequences of opening a new procedure that could result in more of the familiar parking places around town.

Councilman Allan Maris reluc-

tantly voiced one of the main con-

cerns, though it appeared to cause

some discomfort.

"We've seen abuses," he said,

adding to individuals who park in

handicapped spots and rush unham-

pered in and out of stores. Maris sug-

gested the city establish procedures

that would help avoid misuse.

Maris and Mayor Jon Ely later said

it was their duty to ask hard ques-

tions, though they and the council

support additional handicapped park-

ing spaces for those who need them.

Council members also discussed

potential methods to establish need

by disabled applicants, and to certify

they are the actual owners of a vehi-

cle—another effort to stymie abuse.

They also debated what to charge in-

dividuals who qualified for handi-

capped parking spots in front of their

homes.

Susie Kisber, a disabled resident,

took issue with the discussion.

Kisber said other handicapped res-

idents in a neighborhood would ben-

efit from having blue parking spots

as well. She said the entire issue

should be viewed as a positive de-

velopment, not a negative one.

"People in Albany are aging," Kis-

ber said, addressing the council from

the back of the gallery. "There are go-

ing to be more people using disabled

placards in town. To have more dis-

abled parking should be a welcome

addition to the community," she said.

The next council meeting is sched-

uled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, due to

President's Day.

Kisber, a psychologist involved with disabled issues, also opposes requiring disabled drivers to prove ownership of a car, suggesting that many may ride from others but still need to park in handicapped zones.

The council ultimately directed staff members to forge a policy creating a process that would create more handicapped parking spots and establish procedures designed to avoid abuse. That measure passed on a 4-1 vote. Councilman Robert Good voted no.

El Cerrito discussed the issue a week ago and is also studying possible changes to its application blue curb process.

### Kehls remembered

After adjournment, the council and gallery dedicated a moment of silence to Robert "Bob" Kehls Sr., who died in Sacramento on Feb. 1. Kehls served as a member of the Albany Board of Education for 22 years, and, according to Dario Meniketti, made many significant contributions to the city.

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uled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, due to

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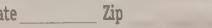
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# Plan

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meeting. Along with the pending Plaza reconstruction, adoption of the economic development plan did seem to be a watershed moment in El Cerrito's economic history.

"Some 23 first-year steps are laid out, they're all important some of them are already in play, others wait on the appointment of a permanent commission and on the hiring of a full-time development director," said Economic Development Task Force Chairman Raymond Miles. "El Cerrito, if it does not find its way toward a sustained program, it will find itself at a disadvantage."

The economic development strategy and action plan developed by the task force is a comprehensive outline to invigorate the city's economic health. Its vision is for a "diverse and vibrant economy" with a strategy that, according to the report, "should be proactive and should build on El Cerrito's unique strengths, focusing on the strongest near-term opportunities while keeping an eye on long-term trends and opportunities."

The report states that the economic development plan "should convey to developers a proactive and friendly environment towards development in El Cerrito." It has recommendations on how to attract and retain businesses by such methods as removal of regulatory barriers, maintaining business communication and creating an inventory and database of existing businesses.

The "action plan" portion of the report lists immediate, near-term and

long-term objectives. It calls on the city to address such issues as the traffic and parking problem and launching "a proactive outreach and marketing effort."

Council members praised the task force's work and plan, but had many questions and comments about economic development in the city. Traffic and parking issues and how they affect business were discussed. The cost of implementing the recommended economic development program was also a concern.

"We can't just sort of say, 'Well, yeah we'll do it.' We have to wholeheartedly commit to this is what we want to do and basically give it whatever resources it needs in order to succeed," said Councilwoman Janet Abelson. "I think we want to have a top-notch person as the manager and we want to have good support staff. I think that's a very hard thing to do in this economy."

The estimated first-year budget to implement the program is \$350,000.

This includes \$133,700 for the economic development director (with benefits), \$60,000 for staff support (with benefits), \$50,000 for marketing and promotion and \$50,000 for a Fairmount Avenue specific plan and other area plans.

The task force listed more than 25 possible funding sources, such as the California Economic Development Financing Authority, the Small Business Development Center, Community Development Block Grant program and Transportation Development Act.

"What I would like to do before we move forward with this is to determine what is the cost/benefit of funding a program such as this," said

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori. "If we are going to look at a \$350,000 program, then I would argue we should be looking at generating at least \$350,000 annually in additional revenues, or something else that's going to make us feel that this is money well spent."

Councilman Larry Damon called for a "comprehensive" traffic survey and analysis "not just counting cars" and praised the task force and its report. "They've given us a point of departure. This isn't the final solution. The work now starts," he said.

Damon said El Cerrito economic development must be coordinated with Richmond's economic development and he urged speedy formation of an El Cerrito Economic Development Commission that would "continue the momentum developed by this task force."

The City Council adopted the recommended plan and directed staff to immediately begin formation of an economic development commission.

Staff and the new commission will essentially develop a job description and qualifications for the economic development manager.

The council decided to fund the plan via "incremental budgeting" until the economic development manager is on board and able to develop a detailed business plan with cost and resource estimates.

The city's current Economic Development Program is funded only through March 31, 2000. With adoption of the task force report and pending formation of an Economic Development Commission, council members confirm funding is likely to be extended well past that date.

monies have been spent.

The district has not responded to requests from the Journal for specific budget information.

District officials have suggested that a retroactive pay increase to teachers soaked up a considerable amount of the parcel tax funding.

Union officials have a different view.

"We ratified a contract with the district before the parcel tax was passed," said David Dehart, president of the Albany Teachers Association. "We have no say in how the district pays our wages."

Dehart said teachers received a 3.41 percent increase in pay for the 1999-2000 school year. Retroactive cost-of-living increases amounting to 1.5 percent were paid to teachers for 1997 and 1998, he said, adding that teachers worked through those years

without receiving a raise.

"Our executive board set a goal for Albany teachers to be within the pay scale of the top third of comparable districts," Dehart said. "However, despite modest increases, we have fallen below that, especially in mid-range salaries."

The district beefed up salaries of administrators and some principals this year, Dehart said, including a "substantial" raise awarded former Superintendent of Schools Dale Hudson last year "in an effort to attract a new superintendent." Dehart said Hudson is also currently earning about \$8,000 a year acting as a consultant to the district on new school construction.

Teachers and the district are currently negotiating next year's contract.

In the meantime, a group of individuals that campaigned for the par-

cel tax recently met with district officials.

Led by Sandy Bender, the group maintains Measure A was intended to create more programs in the arts and sports, though they admit the actual language of the parcel tax did not earmark funds for those specific purposes.

Members of the ad hoc committee have also been reluctant to discuss their findings and plans, though they are clearly upset that so few new programs were created after the tax became law.

However the committee — which has no formal name — is expected to issue some sort of statement soon announcing the results of their findings and, perhaps, recommendations for the next budget.

The AUSD is scheduled to begin work on their next budget in March.



## Collision course

A PICKUP TRUCK parked in the Long's-Safeway lot in El Cerrito on Feb. 2 is pushed into a neighbor's car, one of five vehicles hit by a car attempting to park. One car, according to witnesses, was pushed completely out of its parking space. Another had its rear bumper pulled off and was pushed into and car that rammed a Chevrolet Blazer. According to witnesses, the driver said the problem was a stuck accelerator.

## Benches

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project. A fence that intruded on the view was relocated down the hillside and the grade in the parking lot was

raised.

Inspiration for the project came during one of Rosenua's many visits to the turnout.

"When I was riding my bicycle I would frequently stop at Inspiration Point to stretch and enjoy view," he

said.

"One day it just hit me that benches were wrong place."

The only place to sit outside Inspiration's parking lot were trees under trees near Inspiration Point.

The placing ignored the views of the hills to the east," said.

"Your body's just drawn to edge," he said. "It's not the somebody would design a size

After doing some investigation found a suitable spot for the bench, then approached the park with the club's offer of finances volunteer help.

The club typically don't fundraiser proceeds to organize that support cycling and open so this project was out of the The cost, \$1,000 for three benches and a brass plaque, was a benefit to the club's members who

points' club members get when use the benches.

And for hikers or riders who know the beneficiaries who a place to sit, the club's name the brass plaque.

# Tax

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"According to the district, there's \$89,000 in parcel tax money that hasn't been spent. Where's the rest of it?"

According to Assistant Superintendent Constance Hubbard, "The new parcel tax ended up supporting ongoing programs at a higher rate than we hoped. That's what we're looking at, to figure out how to address some of those issues identified in the parcel tax as we build our future budget."

But Hubbard has been tight-lipped when it comes to revealing how the AUSD spent money this year.

Budget documents released to the general public shed little light on why, after the Measure A windfall, the dis-

trict was unable to deliver on promises made by parcel tax advocates that the funds would provide more creative programs in public schools.

On Jan. 25, Hubbard said the district suffered from decreased enrollment this year, which results in less Average Daily Attendance funding from the state.

ADA funding is based on a formula that essentially provides local school districts with monies depending upon the number of students attending school daily.

ADA figures are forecast and then tracked over a school year. Albany will receive about \$11 million this year in ADA funding, Hubbard said recently. Districts are free to spend such funds as they choose.

Yet to date, the assistant superintendent, who is in charge of the budget, has not revealed how all district

monies have been spent.

The district has not responded to requests from the Journal for specific budget information.

District officials have suggested that a retroactive pay increase to teachers soaked up a considerable amount of the parcel tax funding.

Union officials have a different view.

"We ratified a contract with the district before the parcel tax was passed," said David Dehart, president of the Albany Teachers Association. "We have no say in how the district pays our wages."

Dehart said teachers received a 3.41 percent increase in pay for the 1999-2000 school year. Retroactive cost-of-living increases amounting to 1.5 percent were paid to teachers for 1997 and 1998, he said, adding that teachers worked through those years

without receiving a raise.

"Our executive board set a goal for Albany teachers to be within the pay scale of the top third of comparable districts," Dehart said. "However, despite modest increases, we have fallen below that, especially in mid-range salaries."

The district beefed up salaries of administrators and some principals this year, Dehart said, including a "substantial" raise awarded former Superintendent of Schools Dale Hudson last year "in an effort to attract a new superintendent." Dehart said Hudson is also currently earning about \$8,000 a year acting as a consultant to the district on new school construction.

Teachers and the district are currently negotiating next year's contract.

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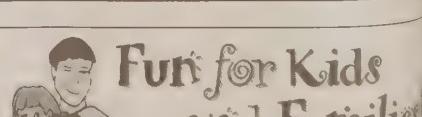
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## At-home getaways make most of outdoors

Covered patios, verandas, balconies more popular than ever in home design

By Donna Gehrke White  
KIRK RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

**A**NNMARIE AND TONY Howe wanted a getaway — someplace to unwind after a day of working and taking care of Cheyenne, 9, and Courtney, 6.

They found it in their own home. It's a balcony, off the master bedroom of a five-bedroom house the Howes are building at the Mariposa community in Miramar, Fla.

Now the Howes finally have a place to just relax by themselves. "It's a private retreat," Annmarie said.

Many other people are adding outdoor "rooms." From balconies to covered patios, they are becoming more popular than ever.

Indeed, the latest must-have in a new home isn't inside but out: courtyards, roofed upstairs verandas and downstairs

terraces, and covered walkways, or loggias. Builders are including the outside "rooms" in the cost of the home, or giving buyers the option of paying extra — which many are.

And while most new homes have always included some outside paved space — even if it's a concrete patch — they're getting bigger. And there are more of them.

Take the Howes' new home.

It will have not only the balcony but a covered terrace downstairs. "It will be nice, because we intend to build a pool by the terrace," Annmarie said.

Many new condominiums also offer sprawling outside rooms, from 5,000-square-foot terraces for ground-floor units to penthouse verandas that span more than 200 feet. Many luxury condominiums have at least two balconies or terraces.

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# Know what you're getting to avoid surprise

When Diane called about selling her house and buying another one, she explained that she was doing a lot of dancing and wanted a big dance space, and also would like a more private outdoor area.

"And this time, I want a house that doesn't need any repairs. Can I get that? How much will it cost?" she said.

We started by looking at her house. It needed many things. The hardwood floors were gouged and paint-spattered; the entry floor had been patched with plywood. Her kitchen and bathroom needed drastic attention. Stucco walls and windows were peeling and stained. A weedy yard thrived.

To Diane's credit, she'd had the house rewired and re-roofed. She also had started some foundation work but never finished it.

"It drove me crazy dealing with the city and the contractor. I never want to go through that again," she said.

Our inspection continued: If she were going to sell, she would need a termite report and lots of word done. One way or another, these repairs would figure into the price.

Quietly, gently, as we did not want to offend her, we talked about making the house look better. We said that she could sell the house just as it was, but that some improvements would certainly increase the price she would get. We listed repairs we thought made sense and began to look at houses Diane might like.

It didn't go well. Diane didn't like the houses we found for her. She couldn't believe how expensive and

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By Tarpoff and Talbert

"all wrong" they were. She said things like, "This house isn't any bigger than mine, and although the kitchen is new, and I guess the neighborhood is more expensive, the price is incredible. I'd never pay that much for this house."

Diane didn't like the bids she was getting for repairing her house either. About some of the repairs she said, "I could do that myself. Why should I pay \$500 for that?" About other work, her reaction was, "I've lived with it this way and it's been fine."

We knew that it would be painful for Diane to change her house. She resented the idea that her money and time would be spent for the buyer's benefit. Even if she got a higher price when she sold, she said it might not be worth the effort.

Worse, the only reason for going through the travail of fixing and marketing would be a house that suited her better. By this time we could all see that finding what she wanted for a price she was willing to pay was not going to be easy — and maybe impossible.

One more difficulty came up dur-

ing our conversations. Diane did not want strangers going through her house. We pointed out that exposing the house to the widest possible audience was the way to get the highest price.

"Never mind," she said. "I'll just stay here."

We didn't hear from Diane again for three years. She was happy, positive and in love. She and her new love were thinking of moving to Seattle.

"I want to sell my house and I don't want to fix it. Can I do that? How much will I get?"

The house looked the same, maybe a little worse, but we knew it was saleable. We gave Diane our estimate of what it would sell for as is; we added that the price might be higher, given the kind of demand we were seeing.

"But I don't want to show it, have it held open, or let anyone in," she replied. "What I want is to sell fast without doing anything at all. Don't you know someone who could just buy it?"

We didn't, but as she felt quite strongly about retaining her privacy, we suggested that she tell all her friends that she was selling. Maybe one of them would like to buy the house.

She thought that was a great idea. "In fact," she said, "I know a couple who have been looking for a long time. They told me that if I ever sold my house, they'd be interested."

She called the friends, who turned out to be interested. They had looked at many houses, discovered how few they could afford, were well ac-

quainted with what compromises they would have to make if they were going to buy. They had an agent, and they would like him to represent them.

This was good news. We all wanted the buyers to have their own representation, particularly as we would have no chance to prove the true value of the house. Whatever price Diane and her friends agreed upon would have to be a guess, one that they found satisfactory.

The friends were thrilled; they faced no competition. Before settling on a price, Diane got a termite report and the buyers had a professional inspection done. Quite a lot of work, both structural and cosmetic, was going to be necessary but the buyers weren't deterred.

Diane understood what the buyers were taking on. She also knew that it was possible that, even in the house's condition, someone else would pay more for the house than the friends. She didn't care.

In a matter of days, the contract was written and the disclosures completed. The appraisal was made and the buyers' loan approved.

It all worked smoothly and happily. Why? Because by the time these people were in contract, each of them knew they were getting what they wanted. Not a small thing.

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# Understand how to hold home title

By Rick Brush  
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How should I take ownership of the property I am buying? This important question is one that California real property purchasers ask their real estate, escrow and title professionals every day.

Unfortunately, though these professionals may identify many methods of owning property, they may not recommend a specific form of ownership, as doing so would constitute practicing law.

Because real property has become increasingly more valuable, the question of how parties take ownership of their property has gained greater importance. The form of ownership taken — the vesting of title — will determine who may sign various documents involving the property and future rights of the parties to the transaction. These rights involve such matters as real property taxes, income taxes, inheritance and gift taxes, transferability of title and exposure to creditor's claims. Also, how title is vested can have significant probate implications in the event of death.

The California Land Title Association (CLTA) advises those purchasing real property to give careful consideration to the manner in which title will be held. Buyers may wish to consult legal counsel to determine the most advantageous form of ownership for their particular situation, especially in cases of multiple owners of a single property.

The CLTA has provided the following definitions of common vestings as an informational overview. Consumers should not rely on these as legal definitions. The association urges real property purchasers to carefully consider their titling decision prior to closing and to seek counsel should they be unfamiliar

with the most suitable ownership choice for their situation.

## Sole ownership

Sole ownership may be described as ownership by an individual or other entity capable of acquiring title. Examples of common vestings in cases of sole ownership are:

- A single man or woman who has not been legally married. Example: Bruce Buyer, a single man.

- An unmarried man or woman who was previously married and is now legally divorced. Example: Sally Seller, an unmarried woman.

- A married man or woman who wishes to acquire title in his or her name alone.

The title company insuring title will require the spouse of the married man or woman acquiring title to specifically disclaim or relinquish his or her right, title and interest to the property. This establishes that it is the desire of both spouses that title to the property be granted to one spouse as that spouse's sole and separate property.

Example: Bruce Buyer, a married man, as his sole and separate property.

## Co-ownership

Title to property owned by two or more persons may be vested in the following forms:

- **Community property:** a form of vesting title to property owned by husband and wife during their marriage which they intend to own together. Community property is distinguished from separate property, which is property acquired before marriage, by separate gift or bequest, after legal separation, or which is agreed to be owned only by one spouse.

In California, real property con-

veyed to a married man or woman is presumed to be community property, unless otherwise stated. Since all such property is owned equally, husband and wife must sign all agreements and documents of transfer. Under community property, either spouse has the right to dispose of one half of the community property, including transfers by will.

Example: Bruce Buyer and Barbara Buyer, husband and wife as community property.

- **Joint tenancy:** a form of vesting title to property owned by two or more persons, who may or may not be married, in equal interest, subject to the right of survivorship in the surviving joint tenant(s). Title must have been acquired at the same time, by the same conveyance, and the document must declare the intention to create a joint tenancy estate. When a joint tenant dies, property title is automatically conveyed by operation of law to the surviving joint tenant(s). Example: Bruce Buyer and Barbara Buyer, husband and wife as joint tenants.

- **Tenancy in common:** a form of vesting title to property owned by any two or more individuals in undivided fractional interests. Each tenant in common owns a share of the property, is entitled to a comparable portion of the income from the property and must bear an equivalent share of expenses. Each co-tenant may sell, lease or will his/her share of the property belonging to him/her.

For example: Bruce Buyer, a single man, as to an undivided 3/4 interest and Penny Purchaser, a single woman, as to an undivided 1/4 interest, as tenants in common.

**Other ways of vesting title include as:**

- A corporation is a legal entity, created under state law, consisting of one or more shareholders but regarded under law as having an existence and personality separate from such shareholders.

- A partnership is an association of two or more persons who can carry on business for profit as co-owners, as governed by the Uniform Partnership Act. A partnership may hold title to real property in the name of the partnership.

- A trust is an arrangement whereby legal title to property is transferred by the grantor to a person called a trustee, to be held and managed by that person for the benefit of the beneficiaries specified in the trust agreement.

- This form of ownership is a legal entity and is similar to both the corporation and the partnership. The operating agreement will determine how the L.L.C. functions and is taxed. Like the corporation its existence is separate from its owners.

In cases of corporate, partnership, L.L.C. or trust ownership-required documents may include corporate articles and bylaws, partnership agreements, L.L.C. operating agreements and trust agreements and/or certificates.

Remember: How title is vested has important legal consequences. Consult an attorney to determine the most advantageous form of ownership for your situation.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESOURCES

A guide to some resources — stores, associations, designers, contractors, books, Web sites — that may prove useful. Some names were borrowed from "Architectural Resource Guide," published by David Kibbey for Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility.

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- **Air quality.** The California Department of Health Services Air Quality Section maintains an excellent Web site with theough information about molds in the home, asbestos, the dangers of ozone generators, and more. [www.ca-daq.org/](http://www.ca-daq.org/).

- **Asbestos.** Check the federal Environmental Protection Agency page, [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos). Or call 415-744-1500.

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- **"Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings,"** published by American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, contains listings of energy efficient products. 202-429-0063. Web site: <http://aceee.org>

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- **EPA.** The federal Environmental Protection Agency has an amazing variety of accurate and clearly presented information on-line. See at [www.epa.gov/againsidest.htm](http://www.epa.gov/againsidest.htm).

- **"The Inside Story: A Guide to Indoor Air Quality,"** published by the federal Environmental Protection Agency in English and Spanish, is a clear and thorough guide, with references to many other cities, publications and Web sites. Call 800-438-4318, or check the Web site.

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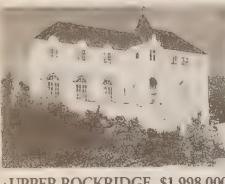
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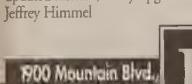
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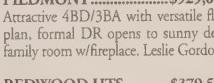
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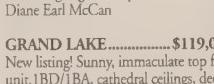
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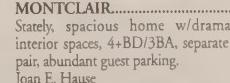
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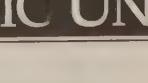
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# Resources

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The EPA also runs the Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse, which makes available many resources and advisories about carbon monoxide, carpets, "Asthma, Air Quality and Environmental Justice," and more. Call 800-438-4318.

**The Healthy House Institute.** 50 North Sewell Road, Bloomington, Indiana, 47408. 812-332-5073. Web site: www.hhinstit.com. Carries books by John and Lynn Marie Bower about creating a healthy home.

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**Lead.** call the National Lead Information Center and Clearing-

# Check out 103 percent Maximizer Loan

John and Mary wanted to buy their first home. Recently married and just out of college, they had concentrated on paying off student loans and other credit card debt from their wedding and honeymoon. Their attention to paying off their consumer debt helped establish a superior credit rating with credit scores in the mid-to-high-700s.

Both have high-paying jobs in high tech, but they have not been able to put much money away for a down payment. They were afraid that they were years away from purchasing a home.

The new 103 percent Maximizer Loan is for them. This loan program offers a 15- and a 30-year fixed rate mortgage allowing 103 percent financing which may include prepaid items (prorated taxes, prepaid interest, insurance and reserves), financed mortgage insurance and closing costs. The guidelines are strict and without exceptions for compensating factors.

The Maximizer Loan is available only for purchases, and is not restricted to first-time homebuyers. The property must be a one unit, primary residence and if a condo or townhouse, must be warrantable by Freddie Mac.

## Mortgage Madness



**By  
Karen  
Senzig**

This program offers a 15- and a 30-year fixed rate mortgage allowing 103 percent financing...

Rural properties are acceptable provided that land-to-value ratio doesn't exceed 40 percent.

The maximum loan amount is \$325,000. That is based on a maximum base amount of \$315,534 when including 3 percent of prepaid items, closing costs and/or financed mortgage insurance.

Borrowers must have a minimum credit score of 700, and that would be the middle of three credit bureaus or the lesser of two. Borrowers must have a credit history of at least three traditional credit references (such as credit cards, automobile financing, installment payments, student loans, etc.) that have been open for at least 24 months.

Borrowers must show no major derogatory credit in the last seven years; no more than one 30-day mortgage late payment in the last 24 months and no more than one credit card or installment loan late payment in the last 12 months. There can be no late payments in the last three months. There can be no previous history of bankruptcy or foreclosure — no exceptions.

Borrowers' income must qualify with the top or housing ratio (housing expense — principal, interest, taxes, insurance and mortgage insurance divided by income) not to exceed 33 percent.

The bottom ratio, which is the housing expense plus monthly consumer debt divided by the borrowers' income, cannot exceed 38 percent.

Unacceptable sources of income include capital gains and retained earnings.

And the borrowers must qualify on their own. Cosigners, better known as non-occupant co-borrowers, such as Mom and Dad or uncle Pete, are not allowed. The borrowers must take title as individuals rather than a trust and the program will not allow borrowers who are non permanent resident aliens.

There are no down payment requirements, but two months PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) of the borrowers' own funds are required.

Gifts are acceptable but they must be from a borrowers' relative, domestic partner or fiance/fiancee. Gift funds obtained as a wedding gift are fine as long as they are documented properly. Some employers offer "employer assisted housing funds" which can be a secured loan to pay prepaid items and closing costs.

Unacceptable sources for closing costs and prepaid items include funds from credit cards, bridge loans, cash on hand, pooled funds and sweat equity.

Although the guidelines are strict and offer no exceptions to this rule based underwriting loan program, we are sure there are many people like John and Mary who through this new loan program will experience the joys of Mortgage Madness.

**Karen Senzig** is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband, Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511; fax 510-339-3814 and E-mail ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with mortgage questions for discussion.

## Some lenders not reporting on-time payments

If you are among the millions of Americans whose credit histories aren't quite perfect, answer these two questions:

■ Have you been trying to improve your credit standing by scrupulously paying your mortgage and credit card bills on time every month?

■ Would you be upset to learn that your solid, on-time payment performance isn't being documented anywhere, and therefore won't help you get a lower interest rate the next time you apply for a home mortgage or an equity loan?

Get ready to be upset. Federal officials and private-sector credit agencies say the practice of nonreporting of mortgage and credit card payment performances is abusive and widespread. Federal financial regulators just issued an advisory to the nation's banks urging them to take defensive steps to guard against the potentially harmful effects of the practice.

## Not in the Money

By Kenneth R. Harney

Here's what's involved: You might assume that all your major credit transactions — how much you borrowed on your mortgage, how high a limit you've got on your credit card — show up on your credit files.

But that's not the case, especially if you're a homeowner with some minor dents in your past payment performances.

That's because some mortgage lenders and credit card companies hide you from potential competitors. They no longer report your payment histories to the three national credit reporting bureaus — Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. They do that, according to federal officials familiar with the practice, to keep other lenders from knowing how solid and

profitable your account is. Aggressive lenders routinely surf through credit files electronically to identify and harvest potential prospects for home refinancings, home equity credit lines and credit card offers.

Among the most attractive prospects: people who are paying higher-than-market interest rates on their mortgages because of prior credit problems, but who nonetheless make their payments on time every month. Many of them expect that their on-time payments will help re-

establish their credit records and enable them to qualify for lower rates in the future.

But, says deputy comptroller of the currency David Gibbons, that's not necessarily true. Nonreporting of payment performances by some mortgage lenders means their customers "aren't getting a fair shake. They're caught in a self-fulfilling prophecy," says Gibbons — they've started as borrowers with subpar

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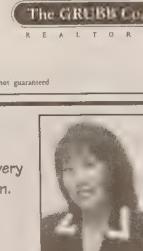
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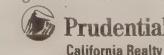
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# Knowledge proves key to home security

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There must have been some local crime, but stealing hubcaps was the worst of it.

We didn't worry about our home being robbed. That just didn't seem to be much of a problem. We didn't lock our doors — even at night.

Things have changed. It's now important to know as much as you can about protecting the place in which you live. Whether one lives in a big city, small town or rural community, has a large or small income, is a homeowner or an apartment dweller, burglary can be a serious problem.

The biggest problem of all is that we tend to make the burglar's job easier. Believe it or not,



By Morris and James Carey

burglary is one of the single most preventable crimes.

To find out just how much you know about home-security and safety, take this quiz from Sears.

When you finish, here are some more tips for burglar-proofing and making your home safer.

Important papers should be kept in the freezer, and small easy-to-pilfer valuables should be kept in a safe.

■ After the kitchen, the second most common place for a fire to start is in the garage.

■ Automatic timers should turn lights on and off randomly.

■ Any decoy car parked in front of your home during your absence should be regularly moved.

■ Never leave your house keys outside your home, especially on the top of the door trim or under the mat.

■ If you have an answering machine, its volume should also be turned down.

■ Keep doors and windows locked.

■ Make sure that perimeter lighting is ample. Light places where a stranger could hide, such as shrubs and behind the trash can.

■ Get an alarm. And make sure to post stickers that say "this home is protected by an alarm" on all windows and doors.

■ Surprisingly, professional

burglars do not commit most burglaries. Burglary ordinarily involves someone you know.

■ To avoid the risk of not being able to get out of your home in a fire, deadbolt locks should be operable from the outside with a key and from the inside with a simple latch.

■ Roll-down window and door security blinds, steel security doors, window bars and other security devices that protect windows and doors should be easily opened from the inside; not just by you, but by youngsters and elders as well.

Pittsburg contractors Morris and James O. Carey can be heard Saturday mornings on KSFO 560 AM. Write the Carey Brothers, c/o the Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020-1666, or e-mail them at careybro@onthehouse.com. Their Web site is at www.onthehouse.com.

## Even with permit, work was done wrong

**Q:** When we purchased our home, the seller informed us that the added bathroom was built with a permit. He even showed us a copy. Recently, when we opened up the walls to do some repairs, we discovered numerous plumbing and electrical violations. How can so many things be wrong if the work was permitted and approved?

**A:** Fortunately, you decided to open the walls for repairs. Otherwise, the conditions that lie silent behind walls could at some point have engendered deadly consequences.



By Barry Stone

When someone shows you a permit, check for authorized signatures.

It is an easy matter to acquire a building permit. All you need is a

set of approved plans and the ability to pay the fees. But the municipal inspector does not visit the property simply because a permit is on file. Inspections only take place when the owner or builder notifies the building department that various stages of construction are completed.

Occasionally, people acquire building permits but, for one reason or another, never begin construction. Therefore, it does not arouse attention when a permit is taken and no inspection is requested.

On rare occasions, an owner

will obtain a permit and complete construction without calling for an inspection. When this occurs, the owner can then display the permit to interested parties, such as prospective buyers. Those seeing the permit naturally assume that the work was officially scrutinized and approved, when quite the opposite may be true.

When someone shows you a permit for completed construction work, be sure to check for authorized signatures on the inspection card. If the card is not available,

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## Home safety quiz

About security-related topics and the safety of your home and family.

1. If you are planning to hide articles such as jewelry in your home, what room is likely to be the first to be searched by a burglar?  
a. Bedroom b. Kitchen c. Basement  
d. Bathroom

2. Where is the most common place for home fires to start?  
a. Kitchen b. Furnace room  
c. Fuse box d. Room with fireplace

3. To help discourage a home break-in when you are away on vacation, it is most important to:  
a. Use an automatic timer to turn lights on and off.  
b. Have a neighbor park their car outside your home and collect your mail.  
c. Not discuss your travel plans in public areas.  
d. Never hide your house keys outside of your home.

4. What is the leading cause of fire in garages?  
a. Oily rags b. Internal oil tank  
c. Gas cans d. Arson

5. You are awakened by the sound of an intruder entering your home. What should you do?  
a. Scream for help b. Try to get out of the house  
c. Pretend you're asleep d. Turn on a light

6. A woman comes to your door saying she has had an accident and needs to use your phone. What should you do?  
a. Let her make the call but stay with her.  
b. Tell her that you will make the call, but don't ask her inside.  
c. Ask her to go elsewhere for help.

7. When you are not home, your child should:  
a. Never tell an unknown caller they are home alone.  
b. Never answer the telephone unless they know who is calling.  
c. Use an answering machine to screen calls.  
d. All of the above

8. What percentage of home burglaries happen because a door or window is unlocked?  
a. 10-30% b. 30%-50% c. 50%-70%

9. Typical crime victims tend to be:  
a. Single females, living alone. b. Elderly couples  
c. Single, unemployed young males.  
d. Suburban young families

ANSWERS: 1-a, 2-a, 3-d, 4-d, 5-c, 6-b, 7-d, 8-c, 9-e

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## Ask an expert about tools, shingles, moisture

By Gene Austin  
KIRKLAND NEWSPAPERS

**Q** We recently had cedar shingles installed on the sides of our house and would like to prevent them from weathering to a gray color. Is there anything we can use to retard weathering and/or restore the original color?

**A** Many owners of unpainted wood siding, decks and outdoor furniture want to avoid the weathering or graying that comes with aging. All types of wood, including the pressure-treated wood often used for decks, are subject to this graying, which is caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun.

Graying can be retarded, but not eliminated, by coating the wood with a sealer that will block some of the UV rays. Deck-and-siding sealers are sold under many brand names at paint stores, home centers and building-supply outlets.

Many products of this type also retard mildew and repel water, which discolor and damage exposed wood. Before buying any product of this type, read all instructions on the container to make sure it suits the application.

One widely used product to retard graying is CWF-UV Clear Wood Finish, made by Flood Co.: 800-321-3444.

A new product is Wolman Extreme, which has a two-year guarantee for color retention. Wolman Extreme is actually a lightly toned stain, available in five shades including cedar and redwood: 800-556-7373.

Incidentally, it is not necessary to bleed radiators unless they are not heating properly. If a radiator feels warm all over, let it alone.

**Q** The solution to window condensation is to reduce the humidity and/or improve the energy efficiency of the windows so the glass stays warmer.

When wood is already weathered, it must be thoroughly cleaned before applying a sealer. Proper cleaning will restore much of the original color, even to wood that has turned a deep gray and is stained with mildew. Many brands of special wood cleaners are sold, including Wolman's Deck & Fence Brightener and Flood's Dekswod.

**Q** We have an old Stanley screwdriver with replaceable bits. The tool needs a part. Is this company still in business?

**A** The Stanley Works, a leading maker of hand tools, is alive and well in New Britain, Conn.: 800-262-2161.

**Q** I own an old house with hot-water heat and big cast-iron radiators. I am tired of letting air out of the radiators every few months. Can you help?

**A** Automatic valves are available that eliminate the need to "bleed" air from radiators by hand. The valves sell for about \$5 each at plumbing-supply and heating-supply dealers.

Incidentally, it is not necessary to bleed radiators unless they are not heating properly. If a radiator feels warm all over, let it alone.

**Q** The walls of our home are very cold in winter. Is there some way we can insulate them, perhaps by removing the inside window trim and squiring foam insulation into the walls?

**A** Walls with hollow spaces can often be insulated by blowing insulation into them through a series of small holes. The holes are generally drilled from the outside, then plugged with a matching siding material after the insulation is installed.

This is a very tricky procedure and should be done by an experienced insulating contractor. A special machine to pump the insulation is required.

If the area around the windows feels cold and drafty, it is possible there are gaps that can be closed with caulk compound. Caulk around the outside of the windows at the joint where the window frames meet the siding.

## Often-asked question:

**Q** Moisture condenses on the inside of our windows every morning in cold weather. Is this harmful and what can be done about it?

**A** Severe condensation on windows can be harmful if the wa-

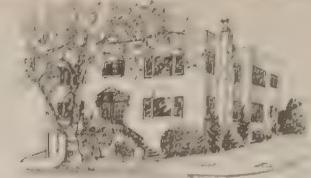
ter drains into the walls or onto wood or other surfaces where it can cause rot and stains. A little condensation that evaporates when the temperature rises is generally harmless.

Condensation is most common in homes where there is excessive humidity. Water vapor generated by humidifiers, baths, showers, cooking, laundering and watering plants condenses on cold surfaces such as window glass.

The solution to window condensation is to reduce the humidity and/or improve the energy efficiency of the windows so the glass stays warmer. For example, condensation is usually less of a problem in homes that have modern "thermal" windows with double glazing or two panes of glass. If a window has only one pane of glass, installing an effective storm window will sometimes reduce condensation.

To reduce humidity in a house, turn off humidifiers or set them back so that less moisture is produced. Use exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchen so that moisture generated in those rooms is expelled outside. Make sure clothes dryers are vented to the outside, and don't hang wet clothes to dry in the basement.

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# Rise and shine: Housewares of the future have arrived

By Diane Goldsmith  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

**C**OOKING PANS that beep or change color when they're hot enough to start sautéing. Bagless vacuum cleaners with sensors that indicate when all the deep-down dirt in a carpet has been pulled out.

We shouldn't be surprised that housewares are getting smarter than we are. Over the years, we've let the housework slide and begun reheating takeout. These products and more, shown at the recent International Housewares Show in Chicago, demonstrate that affordable solutions can be found to keep household performance on track — even as we move through life with ever-changing needs and physical capacity.

At least, that's the firm belief of Patricia Moore, a principal with the Philadelphia-based BresslerGroup design consultants and one of the speakers who addressed the trade.

A gerontologist as well as a designer, Moore is always reminding manufacturers that they must consider all their customers when creating products, and that sometimes a lower-tech "retrofit" may work better than a whole-ball-of-wax approach."

Indeed, both were in evidence — as was everything in between — in McCormick Place, as 60,000 people filled the aisles to inspect the latest in cookware, tableware, small appliances, home health care, cleaning and storage.

For those who would convert their kitchen into a command post, there was the icebox from CMI Worldwide, an "information appliance" that has some computer technology. An all-in-one display and control unit with a wireless keyboard and remote pad, it can check home security while pro-

viding information, entertainment and communications. Either mounted out of the way or placed on the counter, the compact icebox ranges from \$499 to \$2,000, with discounts available depending on Internet-access rebates.

It also has the ability to program other appliances.

"What we're doing is working with appliance manufacturers to build the interface to do that," said Russ Whitman, vice president of business development with CMI.

In its Smart House exhibit, Sunbeam introduced several new appliances that can talk to one another and to the Internet without a PC. "Home Linking Technology" sends high-frequency signals over existing home wiring — or with appliances that don't plug in, via radio frequencies — to communicate.

These appliances — including a coffee maker, electric blanket and stand mixer — will be priced comparably to mid- to upper-range products and will hit the market by the end of the year, said Glen Cunningham of Thalia Products, which is developing the first wave of smart appliances for Sunbeam and licensing the technology to others.

"Most higher-end or mid-range products like a coffee maker with a timer already have a microcontroller in them," Cunningham added. "We can use the same chip, or upgrade it to increase memory to give it space to put in HLT software that controls the power line."

At the lower-tech end of the spectrum was the Arthritis Correct line of devices from Frank Halstead Presents for those who have lost the ability to grasp and hold because of arthritis. Priced at a few dollars each, these practical items attach to door-knobs, keys and food containers to provide the leverage and balance to



THIS SUNBEAM coffee maker communicates with a companion alarm clock — waking up when the owners do.

help turn knobs, open locks and pour soda.

Such pieces, as well as modified cookware, tableware and appliances, will become increasingly important in keeping the burgeoning number of seniors independent as they age, Moore said.

## Targeting 'tweens'

Another opportunity for the industry is the "tween" market, according to Jon Hauptman, who writes the National Housewares Manufacturers Association's annual "State of the Industry Report." These are children ages 7 to 13, Hauptman said, whose considerable purchasing power hit \$23.5 billion in 1998.

"It's no longer a case of Mom and Dad going to a department store and buying them everything they need for their bedroom at age 7," he said, adding that this group is in the market for CD holders, picture frames, bedroom accessories, accessories for their computer desks — even curtains, shades, chairs, shelves and bookcases, as they aim to personalize their rooms.

Exhibitors at the housewares show displayed items "tailored specifically to this age group by the way they were promoted, by their design, and by colors," Hauptman said, citing "bedding and interesting, cool, funky bedroom lights — one in particular being a lamp shaped like a light bulb, but more decorative than anything — as well as personal-care items targeted specifically to very young people."

## Form follows lifestyle

Convenience is, and will continue to be, another issue critical in product development, trends consultant Susan Hayes told the trade show. In our time-starved society, "conve-

nience will be the hallmark of performance," she promised, and her words were reflected in everything from appropriate storage to window coverings. In fact, one interesting product along these lines was Wall-paper for Windows, adhesive-free vinyl films available in decorator patterns to cover windows in lieu of more traditional treatments.

Trends in lifestyle accounted for other products. Increased participation in recreational sports, for instance, was reflected in the proliferation of special storage systems that, in limited space, can accommodate several types of balls, rackets, bikes and the like.

Continuing interest in personal care and health, meanwhile, found expression in everything from relaxation fountains to air cleaners, aromatherapy to body-fat monitors, and massagers to magnetic therapy. At Homedics' booth, there were magnetic therapy insoles, magnetic therapy bracelets, magnetic therapy slippers, magnetic therapy dots, and more.

"It's a rising part of our business," according to marketing chief Pauline Abraham, who says magnetic therapy can enhance blood flow and reduce pain. "We have thousands of testimonials on it."

In cookware, a belief in the benefits of grilling may partly explain the barrage of indoor grills that were on display. With 12 million of the Lean Mean Fat-Reducing Grilling Machines under his belt, George Foreman is the undisputed champ of this category. So no surprise that manufacturer Salton Inc. has come out with new items bearing his name: a countertop rotisserie, a multi-use countertop grill, an indoor-outdoor barbecue, and not one but two sets of grill pans.

protect themselves against lending blindly to applicants whose credit records are "incomplete."

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## Harney

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credit, but because their excellent recent performances aren't being reported to the credit bureaus, their files show no improvements.

Gibbons believes the practice of selective nonreporting could have fair-

lending implications as well: If statistical studies that minority groups are more likely to carry subpar credit scores than other groups are correct, he says, then minorities — especially African-Americans and Hispanics — could be hurt by nonreporting more than other consumers.

### Big companies involved

Financial regulators decline to iden-

tify individual companies who engage in nonreporting, but they say some are among the largest lenders in the United States. For its part, an organization representing nearly 400 consumer lenders, the American Financial Services Association, announced this month that its members have agreed not to withhold borrower information from credit bureaus. Among the companies covered by the pledge

are giants like Norwest Financial, GE Capital and Household International. Last year, Household — a major home equity lender — confirmed that it engaged in selective nonreporting as a defensive measure against competitors.

The recent advisory letter to banks, issued by the five major financial regulatory agencies, focused on the flip side of the nonreporting problem: the

implications for the "safety and soundness" of financial institutions who lend to consumers whose credit files are incomplete. Banks evaluating loan requests from borrowers who've frequently been late — but haven't been documented as such because their lender never reports to credit bureaus — "could inadvertently expose themselves to increased ... risk." The advisory urged banks to devise ways to

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### Santa Rosa

## Getaways

FROM PAGE B1

Michael Kane of London will have 10 balconies to choose from when he wants to go outside and enjoy the sun at his new Oceanica condominium in Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.

Both of them, he says, are as big as rooms, and can accommodate furniture as well as many guests. In fact, their total square footage — 1,400 — adds up to the size of a small house.

That's what Kane was looking for. "I want to spend a lot of time outside," he said, in a phone call from his London home. "I wanted to be able to eat breakfast outside, to sunbathe. I also wanted to be able to entertain outside."

The demand for the outside areas reflect the back-to-nature yearnings of many people. A survey released earlier this year found that most Americans want to live amid natural open spaces, according to American Lives, a research firm in Oakland.

That is especially true in warmer climates like California and Florida, builders say. "We are in Florida, of all places. This is where people want to enjoy the outside, from the beautiful sunrises to sunsets," said Lani Kahn Drody, marketing director of Lowell Homes.

### Making the most of a view

Many buyers with a view out their window, whether it's the ocean, a lake or a golf course, want to capitalize on that by having a balcony to

enjoy it, said Fernando Martinez, vice president of marketing for Caribe Homes. His company is offering about half a dozen models with various kinds of balconies in its latest development.

Customers want the "tranquillity, the serenity we need at the end of the day. Can you imagine going out to the balcony at the end of the day? Having your coffee there? It really helps with the day-to-day stress," Martinez said.

"People use them as a retreat, a quiet place," said Jeff Auchter, Lennar's marketing director in Broward. "They're a great space to get away."

Lennar introduced balconies off second-floor master suites several years ago — and found them very popular. In fact, many buyers of new houses are willing to pay extra money — up to \$16,000 more — for an optional balcony, courtyard or covered terrace, says Nanette Plescia, a G.L. Homes vice president and project manager at SilverShores in Miramar. "They're a popular option," she said. "People can look out at the stars at night or enjoy the lake, if they bought a lakefront lot."

Like other builders, G.L. offers models with at least a small patio; several have covered terraces, and some two-story models have balconies or even room-size verandas.

### Looking for individuality

Harold and Jessie Ramos were willing to pay extra to have an extended covered porch at their new home at Westbrooke's Monaco at Sunset Lakes in Miramar. "It pretty

much covers the whole half of the house," Harold Ramos said. "We wanted to enjoy the outdoors."

G.L.'s Plescia also says that buyers want an outdoor room because "it's kind of a prestigious look; it kind of makes a statement," even if the balcony is in the back.

"How the outside of homes look is more and more important," said Lowell's Kahn Drody, who added that people want their homes to look different from the others.

People are trying to get away from the cookie-cutter look, agrees real estate analyst Mark Cannon, residential division director of Integra Realty Resources in Miami, formerly known as Appraisal and Real Estate Economics Associates.

Having a balcony or courtyard can set a house apart from others, he says. And now many more builders are offering buyers a choice of courtyards, balconies and verandas in the front or back yards. Some are included in the price of the house; others cost extra.

Cannon says the craze for Mediterranean-styled homes also makes balconies and covered terraces popular. They're "definitely part of the architectural design," Cannon said. "They're very important in the super-luxury market."

### Personal open space

Many wealthy buyers like to connect their compounds — main house, guest houses, servants' quarters, pool area — with columned loggias. "It adds to the ambience," he said.

Buyers of multimillion-dollar Fisher Island condominiums expect

high-loop drain line can be used to prevent back-siphonage. Again, the inspector heartily disagrees.

To us, this is all a bunch of confusing terminology. Meanwhile, the people who are buying our home insist that this problem be corrected in an approved manner. How do we sort through all of this conflicting technical advice?

Q: The inspector who checked our home says the dishwasher needs an airgap device on the drain line. His report states that an airgap is required because it can prevent a sewage backup from siphoning into the dishwasher.

The problem is, we have no place to install an airgap, because the hole on the back rim of the sink is being used for the water purifier. Instead of an airgap, our handyman has installed a check valve in the dishwasher drain hose below the sink, but the home inspector says this does not comply with code. The handyman says that airgaps and check valves are equally effective, and that even a

backflow device, and will also prevent sewage from siphoning into your dishwasher. The problem with a check valve is that it is not foolproof. If a piece of food gets caught in a check valve, the valve can be permanently stuck in the open position, thereby defeating its function as a protective health and safety device. For this reason, a check valve is not permitted by code as an alternative to an airgap.

■ Handymen and some older plumbers commonly use the high-loop method of installing a dishwasher drain hose. This method can be effective in preventing back-siphonage, but only with low-pressure, low-level sewage backups. When sewage backs up under pressure, or when a backup reaches the level of the sink rim, the high-loop method is ineffective and will allow raw sewage to flow into the dishwasher and onto your dishes and tableware.

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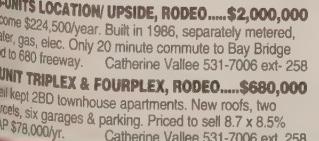
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1359 Hansen Av - \$400,000  
1126 Marianas Ln - \$259,000  
30 Ratto Rd - \$435,000  
1701 St. Charles St - \$230,000  
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633 Tarryton Isle Is - \$427,000  
613 Tern Ln - \$326,000

## ALBANY

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535 Pierce St #5401 - \$272,000  
1501 Visalia Av - \$395,000

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1706 Chestnut St - \$332,000  
845 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$430,000  
265 Hillcrest Rd - \$810,000  
2829 Hillgass Av #2 - \$377,000  
1112 Hillview Rd - \$435,000  
1154 Josephine St - \$489,500  
1556 Juanita Wy - \$341,000  
1067 Keith Av - \$369,000  
1708 Marin Av - \$391,000  
31 Northampton Av - \$455,000  
1101 Oxford St - \$365,000  
2815 Park St - \$235,000  
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2415 Prince St - \$417,000  
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## EL SOBRANTE

4441 Jana Vista Rd - \$194,000

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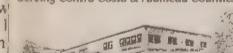
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6912 Balsam Wy - \$245,000  
5437 Belgrave Pl - \$418,000  
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2952 Brookdale Av - \$155,000  
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MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$289,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$305,038

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$168,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$395,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$266,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$288,800

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$198,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$810,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$377,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$391,775

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$202,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$202,500  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$202,500

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 60  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$80,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,200,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$190,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$283,108

## SAN LORANZO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$129,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$322,500  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$175,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$209,700

## PIEDMONT

4051 Whittle Av - \$285,000  
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TOTAL SALES: 1  
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MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$194,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$109,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$228,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$168,750

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TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$420,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$420,000  
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AVG. AMOUNT: \$420,000

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238 Sunnyside Av - \$358,000  
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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$358,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$910,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$757,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$675,000

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 32  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$80,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$385,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$160,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$181,219

## SAN LORANZO

TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$130,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$450,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$242,000  
AVG. AMOUNT: \$280,674

548 30th St - \$145,000  
717 30th St - \$150,000  
847 30th St - \$150,000  
567 34th St - \$189,000  
642 34th St - \$153,500  
161 7th St - \$133,500  
2603 Beach Head Ct #103 - \$265,000  
5044 Buckboard Wy - \$200,000  
2118 Carlson Bl - \$164,000  
5571 Country View Dr - \$385,000

2919 Downer Av - \$164,000  
3153 Fairmead Dr - \$165,500  
1295 Frances Rd - \$138,000  
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**Sales**

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16305 Maubert Av - \$450,000  
 15386 Mendocino St - \$263,000  
 15530 Oceanside Wy - \$378,500  
 14020 Outrigger Dr #13 - \$200,000  
 2331 Pacific Ct - \$367,500  
 16592 Roland Av - \$230,000  
 1724 Russ Av - \$225,000  
 1397 Vining Dr - \$200,000  
 14516 Wake Av - \$215,000  
 2621 West Av 134th - \$250,000  
 2026 Yankee Ct - \$370,000

**SAN LORENZO**

1302 Culver Pl - \$129,000  
 832 Grant Av - \$175,000  
 17376 Via Chiquita - \$212,000  
 17318 Via Susana - \$210,000  
 962 William Dr - \$322,500

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■ **Ohmeka General Store.** 2400 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-204-0767. Sister store of Ohmeka Salvage, this showroom features lighting fixtures on display. Chandeliers, wall sconces, multi-light fixtures, deco designs, even gas light fixtures transformed to run on electricity. All fixtures are re-wired.

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■ **Non-Toxic Hot Line.** 3441 Golden Rain, #3, Walnut Creek. 925-472-8868. Web site is www.non-toxic.com. Low toxic sealants and insulation, air and water purifiers, mail order.

■ **Real Goods Trading Corp.** 1324 10th St., Berkeley. 510-558-0700. Solar-powered products, air and water filters, environmental home books, ecological bedding, lighting products, and more. Web site: www.realgoods.com.

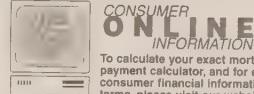
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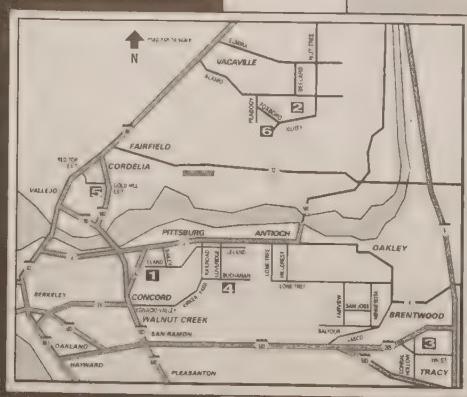
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2335 Seaview Parkway	5bd/4 - 8b	1-4	\$1180,000
Ann M. Let, Prudential CA Realty - El Cerrito	(510) 327-9800		
346 Sweet Rd	4bd/2 - 8a	2-4	\$889,000
Hinge Lot, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-8844		
1717 Cambridge	5bd/2 - 8a	2-4	\$550,000
Walt Jacobs, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4710		
61 Bassinette	4bd/2 - 8a	2-4	\$529,000
Tom Morris, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4917		
552 Amber Isle	4bd/3ba	3-5	\$479,000
OPEN SAT. ONLY			
Darlene Gardner, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1104		
3000 Washington St.	3bd/1ba	2-4	\$475,000
OPEN SAT. & SUN			
Bill Blewett, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1108		
1922 Kiferman Parkway	3 - 8d/4b	2-4	\$475,000
Rick La, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1108		
2132 San Antonio	4bd/3ba	2-4	\$469,000
Estate Millin, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-8821		
43 Captains	3bd/2 - 8a	2-4	\$469,000
Judy Jacobs shows Sat. 2-4, 814-4711			
Connie Hayes, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-8914		
1069 Gardenia Terrace	3bd/2 - 8a	2-4	\$450,000
Darlene Gardner, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1104		
1138 Broadway	8d/4 - 8a	2-4	\$450,000
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Signe Nelson, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 521-0328		
1335 Caroline St.	4 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$395,000
OPEN SATURDAY ONLY			
An Bracco, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1807		
1545 Santa Clara	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$389,500
Bill Douglas 814-4833; Barbara Bolton 814-4714, Harbor Bay Realty			
1545 Santa Clara	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$389,500
Barbara & Bill, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4833		
1330 High St	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$377,000
An Bracco, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 814-4833		
2761 Washington St.	3 - 8d/4a	2-4	\$375,500
Ray Thomas, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1102		
1910 Kithkew	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$370,000
South Shore Design Codiga, Kane & Associates	(510) 522-4011		
1014 College	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$355,000
OPEN HOME SATURDAY ONLY			
Connie Hayes, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4814		
2904 Johnson Ave	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$350,000
Stan Lockhart, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1805		
2612 Marine Dr.	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$355,000
OPEN SAT & SUN			
Marilyn Oliver 865-8669; Kryszyna Nowak 483-1576 Kane & Associates			
1114 Court St	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$329,000
OPEN SAT & SUN			
Mark Wyman 522-5827 & Jerry Neumann 522-0988 Kane & Associates			
3231 Sterling Ave	3bd/1ba	2-4	\$310,000
Kathy Ghosh, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 522-4025		
3209 Washington St.	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$295,000
OPEN SAT & SUN			
Moon Tan, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 747-1620		
1610 Bay St	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$292,500
Jean Powers, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4822		
341 Knight	3bd/1ba	2-4	\$289,000
St Boing, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4816		
1612 Gould	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$269,500
Signe Nelson, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 521-0328		
2101 Shoreline Dr #260	2bd/1 - 8a	2-4	\$245,000
Fred Hobbs, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1138		

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2101 Shoreline #265	2bd/1 - 8a	2-4	\$229,000
Mark Platoff, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4874		
338 Broadway #301	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$189,000
Carol Martinez, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 522-2876		
960 Shorepoint #102	2bd/2ba	2-4	\$189,000
Elaine Bauma, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4835		
1321 Webster D116	2bd/2ba	2-4	\$185,000
Gladys Farrell (510) 337-0697 Henriette Zein, Centennial (510) 865-5562			
325 Kitty Hawk Rd.	2bd/1 - 8a	2-420	\$170,000
Barbara K, Alameda Realty	(510) 814-0808		
1321 Webster D116	2bd/2ba	2-420	\$170,000
Barbara K, Alameda Realty	(510) 814-0808		
1545 Santa Clara	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$185,000
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1545 Santa Clara	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$185,000
Barbara & Bill, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4833		
1330 High St	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$177,000
An Bracco, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 814-4833		
2761 Washington St.	3 - 8d/4a	2-4	\$175,500
Ray Thomas, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1102		
1910 Kithkew	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$170,000
South Shore Design Codiga, Kane & Associates	(510) 522-4011		
1014 College	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$155,000
OPEN HOME SATURDAY ONLY			
Connie Hayes, Harbor Bay Realty	(510) 814-4814		
2904 Johnson Ave	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$150,000
Stan Lockhart, Gallagher & Lindsey	(510) 748-1805		
2285 Cedar St.	1bd/1ba	2-4	\$149,000
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1047 Craymont	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$139,000
HILLSIDE HOME Next to Craymont Park, Marc, Red Oak Realty	(510) 280-2105		
1288 61st St.	2 units	2-4	\$129,000
DUPLEX, Sans, 2bd/1ba			
1634 Grant St.	2bd/1ba	1-4	\$125,000
Berkely			
Dana Conroy, Coldwell Banker - Montclair	(510) 339-4700		
1047 Craymont	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$124,000
HILLSIDE HOME Next to Craymont Park, Marc, Red Oak Realty	(510) 280-2105		
782 Pomona	2bd/8a	2-4	\$127,000
Lloyd Jing, Prudential CA Realty (510) 526-5143			
115 Fawcett	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$126,000
Sharon Brown, Prudential CA Realty - El Cerrito (510) 527-9800			
EMERYVILLE			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1288 61st St.	2 units	2-4	\$126,000
DUPLEX, Sans, 2bd/1ba			
1715 Ainslie Ave.	3 - 8d/2ba	2-4	\$125,000
Beller, Wallace, Prudential CA Realty (510) 524-2526			
5970 Colton Blvd.	5bd/4 - 8b	2-420	\$124,000
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Teri Carlisle, Pacific Union (510) 336-6460			
409 Hiller Dr.	2bd/8a	2-420	\$125,000
Hiller Highlands			
Bonnie Hirsch, Pacific Union (510) 339-5460			
877 Creek Road	3bd/2ba	2-420	\$124,000
Jamie Garcia, The Grubb Co. (510) 339-0400 ext 241			
153 Binnacle Hill	2bd/8a	2-420	\$124,000
Elizabeth Dickson, The Grubb Co. (510) 339-0400 ext 241			
1915 Hoover	1bd/1ba	2-420	\$124,000
Howard Link Team (510) 748-5300			
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Section C

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## Signing day brings relief for recruits

Grueling recruiting process closes for four as St. Mary's, El Cerrito send four to college

By Peter Mentor

**Signing day** is the end of a long and sometimes gut-wrenching ordeal for high school athletes and their parents.

Last Wednesday (Feb. 2) was national letter-of-intent day when all the verbal commitments — well, almost all of the top picks — are firmied up by a written contract for the student-athlete to attend that school for one year with a renewable option of more.

Most colleges offer athletes up to five years of scholarship money, depending upon redshirt status and graduation. There is, however, no guarantee of more than the year-long contract.

St. Mary's and El Cerrito high schools had a combined four football players making their commitments.

The Panthers had running back/defensive back Eddie Smith signing at the University of Oregon, while Connor Banks is headed to Arizona State.

El Cerrito is sending wide receiver Jason Washington to Fresno State, while Idaho State signed Gauchos cornerback David Rose.

This is a relief for the families, but it is not really the end of anything, of course. It's the beginning of a new life for these athletes, who are moving on in their academic, athletic and personal lives.

### A matter of trust

For Eddie Smith, the recruiting process was incredibly tough. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound defensive back was coveted by almost every Pac-10 school, Nebraska and Fresno State as a cornerback or wide receiver.

He also played tailback for the Panthers and rushed for 1,092 yards in seven games before suffering a shoulder injury. That didn't stop everyone from getting him to sign on their dotted line.

Smith's parents Hazel and Charles

"The coach at Oregon was so sincere. He kept saying the same thing over and over. It was a matter of trust. That's what's scary, can you trust him?"

Hazel Smith

Smith both attended Oregon State in nearby Corvallis, Ore., but they didn't have the greatest experience at the school. Still, they wanted to leave the decision up to their son without influencing him because of their poor association with the state.

"It was all up to him," said Hazel Smith. "He has five years to spend and he needed to go wherever he'd feel happy."

Eddie Smith went on a number of recruiting trips and had coaches at his house wooing him. The final decision came down to the approach of the recruiting coaches. Oregon defensive coach Nick Alioti came to see Smith six times and each time he was consistent in talking about the person and not just the player.

"He was more worried about Eddie Smith as a person, as an individual," Eddie Smith said. "Everyone else was worried about Eddie Smith as a football player. He talked about the facts of life and that's what college is all about — life."

Eddie Smith asked his parents what they thought, admitting he was not mature enough to make that kind of decision on his own. His mother wrote him a letter with the pros and cons of each school. She fashioned it by listening to her son and by observing him.

"For the first month he took his trips and I kept out of it," said Hazel Smith. "I wrote a four-page letter with the pros and cons on what I learned from him. I just listened to his comments; what he said after coming back from his trip, things he told his friends on the phone."

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## Panthers reach boys soccer championship

St. Mary's plays at Richmond High in league finals today; Albany High bows out in playoff opener on Tuesday

By Mike McGreehan and Scott Strain

St. Mary's High School's boys soccer team pulled off arguably its biggest win of the season Wednesday afternoon when freshman Zach Huddleston scored off a corner kick from , sophomore forward Stephen McGrew in injury time to give the Panthers a 1-0 win over host Piedmont in the second round of the Alameda contra Costa Athletic League playoffs.

The Panthers (10-3-3) advance to play defending champion Richmond for the league championship at Richmond High on Friday afternoon at 3:30. Richmond advanced by beating Alameda 6-1 on Wednesday.

Both teams in the ACCAL finals ad-

vance to the North Coast Section playoffs beginning next week, with the winner getting the higher seed.

St. Mary's had a scare in its match when junior Mark Pankow collided with Piedmont goalie Danny Penrod midway through the first half. Play stopped for 20 minutes as paramedics arrived on the scene. Pankow was believed to have suffered a broken femur. His injury turned out to be a deep bruise.

St. Mary's advanced to the second round after beating Kennedy 2-1 on Tuesday. Kennedy took an early lead on a free kick, but McGrew tied it on a free kick of his own at 35 minutes. Jack Beran won it on a penalty kick at 72.

Beran's attempted came on a penalty kick with about 10 minutes remaining in the second half with the score tied 1-1.

Beran shot to the left, but Kennedy goalkeeper Oscar Rivera moved out and blocked the shot. It was a clear violation and Beran got another chance. He went the opposite direction, and made the shot. Pankow took the foul on the side.

"Oh yeah, it was a clear violation," Beran said. "That's why I missed it. It would have good if he (Rivera) hadn't have jumped. On the second shot, I knew I couldn't go to the same side again, so I went to the other side.

"I knew I had a good fake, but I didn't see it go in."

St. Mary's had defeated Kennedy 2-1 during the regular season and previously to that, had tied the Eagles a couple of years ago. That has been the extent of

See SOCCER, Page C2

## Berkeley wrestling plays gracious host

Jackets vets impressive in tournaments, but teams lack depth for dual meets

By Mike McGreehan

Berkeley High School wrestling will hold its annual Bay Bridge By-Invitational Only Tournament on Saturday.

This tournament brings teams to Berkeley from both sides of the Bay. Teams are invited to bring all their wrestlers regardless of experience.

Medals are awarded but everybody gets to wrestle and gains valuable experience on the mat.

Berkeley High wrestlers have impressed in tournaments, but lack of depth has been a problem in East Bay Athletic League dual meets. That pattern continued as the Yellowjackets lost 47-26 last Thursday.

Berkeley forfeited three weight classes and coach Brad Itokazu moved some of his eager junior varsity wrestlers up to fill some spots.

Berkeley's "veterans," though, gave fine performances.

Justin Cary pinned Foothill's Chad Foy in four minutes, 58 seconds in the 152-pound match.

Parker Robinson had a most notable match at 125 pounds. Despite illness, Robinson defeated Foothill's Joel Kretzinger 6-4 in overtime. At the end of the match, Robinson had to run off the mat to vomit.

Misha Balmer had a fine night at 130 pounds. Balmer moved quickly and flowed from one move to the next in a 7-2 win over the Falcons' Stephen Marcos.

The 140-pound match was business as usual for Berkeley's Marcus Glass, who defeated Gavin Fuchs 7-0.

At 112 pounds, Berkeley's Nico Cary defeated Ian Turner by technical fall at 3:41.

See WRESTLING, Page C2

# El Cerrito girls soccer hits highs, then feels the lows

Lady Gauchos crush De Anza 7-2 in the first round of the playoffs, but tables are turned against Piedmont

By Mike McGreehan

El Cerrito High School's girls soccer team experienced the highs and lows of their sport in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs Tuesday and Wednesday.

First came the highs, as the Gauchos crushed De Anza 7-2 in the first round of matches Tuesday. El Cerrito, however, suffered a reversal of fortune at Piedmont High on Wednesday night, losing to the host Highlanders 9-1.

Piedmont, by virtue of winning the regular-season championship, entered the match having enjoyed a first-round bye.

"We just couldn't keep up after yesterday's game, especially on this field — this is the biggest field in the whole area," said El Cerrito coach Robert Sackey. "(The Highlanders) were rested. We played a good 20 minutes, then we got tired. But you

have to respect Piedmont, they have a better team."

The game was scoreless for those first 20 minutes until Piedmont pressure finally paid off. When Catherine Bettis headed in a corner kick from Whitney Temple, the floodgates seemed to break open for the Highlanders.

Three more goals followed before the end of the half to give Piedmont a 4-0 advantage going into the break. For El Cerrito, the situation only got worse in the second half.

One bright spot for the Gauchos was their only goal, a brilliant piece of work by Katie Eames in the 65th minute.

Eames made a beautiful play, a picture-perfect individual effort that soccer coaches everywhere dream that every player could make. Marked tightly all night, Eames for once found herself free in the middle of the field. She made a run with the ball, juked a defender, and shot

past Piedmont goalie Meghan Riley for the score.

The problem was that Piedmont already had eight goals on the board at the time.

El Cerrito had just the opposite experience against De Anza on Tuesday as Eames scored five goals and gave one assist.

De Anza opened the scoring in the seventh minute, but Eames responded in a big way with a penalty kick at 16 minutes, a goal off a Jenny McKnight assist at 37 and another penalty at 45.

After De Anza pulled within one goal on a penalty, the Eames show continued as she assisted on a goal by Natalie Faulkner, scored off an assist from sister Kirsten Eames, and added an unassisted goal. Lindsey Spolarich scored the final goal unassisted.

Jenna Brace had 10 saves for the Gauchos.

## SOCCER ROUNDUP

### Late penalty kick stops Berkeley

PLEASANTON — Foothill High School boys soccer coach Chuck Lemoine jokingly said he would go to church last Friday night.

Probably not a bad idea, considering his team needed a miracle to beat Berkeley earlier in the afternoon.

That miracle came in the form of a penalty kick, which Bryan Finck converted in the 77th minute to give the Falcons a much-needed 2-1 East Bay Athletic League win over the Yellowjackets.

The win keeps Foothill in the thick of the EBAL title chase, locked in a three-way tie for first place with Amador Valley and Monte Vista with 18 points. The Falcons (10-3-4, 8-2 EBAL) will play the Mustangs and the Dons in the final two league games next week.

"We should have been up three or four goals in the first half," Lemoine said. "If you let a team like Berkeley hang around, anything can happen."

The Falcons got the break they needed when Yellowjackets goalkeeper Todd Wagner was whistled

for fouling David Praklet inside the box. With the ball in the air, Wagner went up to punch it out but caught the Foothill senior's nose instead.

With Praklet on the bench, Finck scored with a shot toward the lower left-hand side to give the Falcons the lead for good.

"I didn't think that it should have been a foul, but I'm not the one who makes the calls," Berkeley coach Janu Jareau said. "The referees let a lot of garbage go before that call."

Foothill opened the scoring in the 19th minute after a bounding ball got to Berkeley defender Stefan Isakson. Vincent Pascual pounced on the loose ball, took it wide and rifled a shot past Wagner for a 1-0 lead.

The Yellowjackets (8-6-4, 3-6-3) answered two minutes later as an Amadeo Alvarez throw-in found its way to Tiago Venturi, who turned around and scored to tie the game.

Foothill had the better scoring chances in the second half, but Wagner made four saves in the final 40 minutes to keep the game tied.

"We didn't play as well as we

should have in the first half, but we gave it all we had in the second," Praklet said. "We knew that we couldn't afford a loss or a tie to Berkeley."

#### ACCAL

#### Albany 3, De Anza 1

RICHMOND — Garrett Pok

scored an unassisted goal and had

two assists as Albany (6-3-2 ACCAL)

scores three first-half goals to beat

De Anza (4-5-4, 2-6-3). Ryan Gok

scored the Dons' only goal. It came

in the 70th minute off an assist from

Martin Diaz.

#### Girls

#### Albany 2, De Anza 2

ALBANY — Kim Bell and Kyle Kemp scored unassisted goals as Albany (6-4-1 ACCAL) played to a draw with De Anza (8-4-3, 6-2-3). For De Anza, Nicole Cheneau had a goal and an assist and Natalie Moore

scored the other goal.

## BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

BERKELEY — Berkeley High (20-3, 10-1 East Bay Athletic League), jumped out to a 39-25 first half lead en route to a 67-51 win over Monte Vista (10-13, 3-8) Wednesday night at Berkeley High in boys basketball action.

Austin Nichols scored 20 points and David Doubley had 15 for the Yellowjackets.

The Berkeley High girls team (21-2, 11-0) also won against Monte Vista, pasting their host 75-29.

Aisha Hollans scored 22 points and Robin Roberson had 18 in the win.

"It was tough for the first quarter and then we just sort of took over," said Berkeley High coach Gene Nakamura.

EL CERRITO — For all the free throws the El Cerrito High School boys basketball team made in the fourth quarter against Salesian High, it was one miss that proved costly last Friday.

Senior forward Ronnie Lang missed the first of two free throws with 23 seconds remaining as Salesian (17-6, 6-2) went on to register a 59-58 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League upset over the Gauchos (14-8, 5-2).

The win was especially sweet for Salesian because Piedmont upset the Chieftains 60-59 two days earlier.

"This is a big step for this program," Salesian coach Billy Mellis said. "This showed a lot of character to come back after (the Piedmont loss)."

The loss drops El Cerrito behind 8-1 St. Joseph in the Super Powerhouse division. The Pilots downed Albany 73-38 Friday. Salesian's win keeps it within striking distance of first-place St. Mary's (8-0) in the Powerhouse division.

Free-throw shooting played a key role late in the game as Lang and teammate Jamal Hill converted 19 of 25 free throws, including 12 of 15 in the fourth quarter.

Salesian's James Johnson missed a pair of free throws seconds later to give El Cerrito the final shot of the game with 17 seconds remaining.

According to El Cerrito coach Brent Daniels, the play was supposed to open up a back-door pass. However, the play broke down, and the ball didn't get into the hands of Hill, El Cerrito's leading scorer who's averaging 23.6 points per game.

Point guard Billy Hill launched a play we had set up," Daniels said. "We were fortunate enough to have Billy get a shot off, but it just didn't go down."

Hill finished with 22. Guard Eric Earls helped spark Salesian's defense and scored 14 points.

"If I had to give the key of the game to one guy, it would be Eric," Mellis said.

ALBANY — St. Joseph (15-8, 9-1 ACCAL) had three players score in double figures and went on to record

a 73-38 victory over Albany (10-12, 2-5).

David Hernandez led Albany with nine points, and Ken Mimoto added eight points.

BERKELEY — Ebon Glenn scored 24 points, including three 3-pointers, to lead St. Mary's (19-4, 8-0 ACCAL) to an 86-71 victory over De Anza (13-9, 4-3).

Angelo Hughes paced De Anza with 15 points, and Dante Hawkins added 13.

BERKELEY — After bolting to a 24-6 first-quarter lead, Berkeley (18-4, 8-1 East Bay Athletic League) held on for a 74-68 win over Granada (14-7, 4-5).

Austin Nichols scored 25 points to lead the Yellowjackets. David Doubley added 20 points in the winning effort.

#### Girls

LIVERMORE — Senior guard Aisha Hollans scored 34 points to lead top-ranked Berkeley (17-2, 9-0) to an 87-44 East Bay Athletic League win over Granada (10-11, 3-6).

Robin Roberson had 12 points, Nycole Brown 11 and Erica McGlaston eight.

RICHMOND — El Cerrito coach Ron Williams forfeited the game against Salesian (17-5, 7-1) because he refused to play with one of the game's officials. The Gauchos fell to 7-15, 2-6.

"If he was refing, I'm not going to put my players on the court," Williams said. "It's not basketball when he's out there. Unfortunately, it hurts the kids."

Dean, Mayor of Berkeley, and featured guest speaker will be John Ralston, former football coach and noted ex-jock, with a special performance by the Berkeley High Pep Band.

Art Thoms will once again have his Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction, and there will be a second silent auction featuring sports items, tickets to local theaters, courtesy passes, and gift certificates to local businesses.

Berkeley High has more than 1,100 student athletes playing on 32 different sports teams ranging from the traditional football, basketball, and baseball programs to field hockey, crew, lacrosse, soccer and water polo.

As school budgets have declined, resources for sports programs have suffered. Money raised from this event supports the total Berkeley High sports program, including the sports trainer

and much needed equipment.

The event is co-sponsored by the

## Wrestling

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Dario Fernandez (119) won by forfeit for Berkeley.

Elsewhere, Foothill's Kevin Dale pinned an underweight Patrick Rizzo in 54 seconds at 103 pounds. Falcons teammate Ted Rutkowski took even less time to beat Tsehayu Bantidigne at 145, needing only 37 seconds for the pin.

Berkeley's Warren Howe gave a determined effort at 171 pounds, but Foothill's Jeff Lascarain was just too good. Lascarain won by pin in 3:48.

Own Gould wrestled up in weight at 189. Gould showed a fire in his effort, but Foothill's Brian Scully won the match by technical fall in 4:31.

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# Arts

## McMillon's "Confessions" hits jackpot

Berkeley artist shares secrets in candid, one-woman show  
By Wanda Sabir

"Human beings and aliens making love with energy, light and color?"

Kim McMillon's college professor gasped at the student assignment in front of him. "Can't you write a black play? You know, a musical. Or something about colored girls in search of a rainbow?" he suggested.

It was a pivotal episode in the life of the Berkeley artist, a budding writer, squashed. What a way to find out that writing plays about what interests her just isn't marketable—unless she had a recognizable name and an award-winning screenplay.

McMillon then took a job as a "pretend secretary" to six stock brokers, a job she would come to loathe. She served three years before getting fired. Or in other words, released from her personal purgatory.

Happier now, McMillon decided once again to pursue her dream—to write, produce, and stage the definitive work on reincarnation.

Which she did in 1986 at Nova Theatre in San Francisco, and in 1987 at Zellerbach Playhouse in Berkeley.

"Confessions of a Thespian" is McMillon's gift to us. It's her "Jack Kerouac on the Road," reinterpreted for stage, a how-to guide to writing

and producing and starring in your own productions on a big, borrow, and steal budget.

"Confessions" is just the guide for those too scared to live—an extended episode of "This Is Your Life." A decade in 90 minutes flat.

Poised into a glowing success, "Confessions" journeys through the major themes of 42-year-old playwright Kim McMillon's life—namely her fascination with all things transcendental, cosmic and female.

And given the high caliber of material and excellent stage direction of Margo Hall, the wrinkles—a few dropped lines—will iron themselves out as McMillon grows more confident in her role.

"Confessions of a Thespian" is daunting only in its title, especially for those who haven't a clue what it means. Thespis is the ancient Greek dramatist credited with inventing tragedy, and while McMillon's incredible story has its own tragic episodes, she doesn't elect to throw herself off the Golden Gate Bridge.

Instead, she laughs at the precariously staged moments in her life, and in turn so can we as we join the thespian on her quest for the answer to the question: What am I here for?

McMillon's alter ego is so full of pizzazz and zest, one wonders what kind of cereal she's eating in enduring life's uphill trek. Nothing, absolutely nothing, gets this thespian down—not gunshot wounds or boring secretarial temp jobs, even college professors who don't understand a black writer who isn't into tragic

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KIM McMILLION performs in her one-woman show, "Confessions of a Thespian."

## HOT SHEET!

■ "World Minds Meeting: Cultural Explorers in Asia" authors discuss changes between the India and the West is scheduled today, March 3, at the Oakland Museum of California. The authors are Jeffrey P. Murmura and Christopher Cost \$17 general, \$5 museum members. Call 888-OAK-MUSE.

■ UC-Berkeley's art museum will showcase British artist Peter Doig's first solo show in North America on Sunday, Feb. 13. His show will run through April 9. Curated by Phyllis Wattis.

## EVENTS



ACTRESS RUBY DEE performs "My One Good Nerve" a solo theatrical show, March 1-3, Oakland Ensemble Theatre, 111 Alice St., Oakland. Cost \$27.50, \$37.50 and \$47.50. Call 510-777-7774

### Gaia Bookstore

■ Patricia Wiklund, Feb. 15, 12:30 p.m. The author discusses her book "Taking Charge When You're Not in Control."

■ Michael Chadwick, Feb. 16, 1 p.m. The author discusses his book "Crooked Cucumber."

■ Kelly Bulkeley, Feb. 19, 4 p.m. The author discusses the book "Transforming Dreams: Learning Spiritual Lessons from the Dreams You Never Forget."

Free. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-848-CALA (2252) 4172.

### Marcus Book Store

■ Michael Eric Dyson, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss his book "I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr."

■ Ron Dellums, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss his book "Lying Down With Lions: A Public Life From the Streets of Oakland to the Halls of Power." Book purchase required for admission.

Free unless otherwise noted. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. Call 510-652-2344.

Oakland Public Library MOND BRANCH — "Quoting Black Voices," Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. Students will recite poetry or speeches that honor the African American experience.

3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844 Free. Oakland.

REI Berkeley — through Feb. 24. A series of lectures on hikes and outdoors equipment.

"Adventure Spirits: Stories of the Summit of K2," Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Greg Mortenson in a solo presentation of highlights of the K2 Base Camp Expedition and his subsequent effort working with indigenous communities to preserve their environment and build their future.

"Adventures in Africa," Feb. 18, 7 p.m. John Jim Wiltens in a solo presentation of slides and stories of adventure, diving, and paragliding in East and South Africa and Mozambique.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 4140.

NBA All-Star Jam Session — through Feb. 13. The ultimate interactive basketball experience where fans can slam dunk, lay up, run shot from a trampoline, play hoops, basketball, shoot baskets with a long shot, record their own tapes, play by-play, make their own team, test their trivia skills, and more. See the latest in multimedia shooting, basketball games. Also features card and collectibles area, player and celebrity autograph sessions, and skills clinics with NBA and college coaches.

\$15 general, \$12 children and seniors.

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## 'Scream' ends in whimper

By Karen Hershenson

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Scream 3"

■ STARRING: Courteney Cox Arquette, David Arquette, Neve Campbell

■ RATING: R (violence, language)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 56 minutes

■ WHERE: area theaters

■ GRADE: B-



NEVE CAMPBELL'S SIDNEY and David Arquette's Dewey watch the bodies pile up—again in "Scream 3."

A few years later, there are new kids on the block. "The Blair Witch Project" eeked genuine terror from piles of rocks and dangling straw figures, and it's looking like "The Sixth

Sense" may be an Oscar contender.

The challenge for "Scream 3" is to wrap up the loose ends of this trif

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## Spenger's seafood quite a catch

By Nicholas Boer

Spenger's may be 100 years old, but the fish couldn't be fresher. The menu is extensive, and if the seafood doesn't reel you in, the atmosphere will.

It took 16 months and \$5 million to overhaul this Berkeley Fourth Street institution, and the investment shows. Spenger's merits a visit just to see its century's worth of collected memorabilia. To give you an idea, a fish taxidermist and gunsmith were part of the opening team.

Of the four dining areas, the main room is the best, especially if you get one of the spacious, semi-private booths. With the adjoining Diamond Bar — names after the 34-carat diamond ring on display — the noise level can rise, but on our visit it was lively without being distracting.

One wall is lined with model boats, and there's an amazing array of artifacts: the management could practically charge admission as a maritime museum. Not that the restaurant needs more income: Serving a thousand customers is a slow day, and the prices, while a good value, are above average.

Just one of the menu's six fish-laden categories would qualify Spenger's as a serious seafood restaurant. Even the seventh, with its few land-based items — chicken, pork chops and two steaks — offers each choice with mounds of shellfish on the side. And the kitchen doesn't stop there. Starters include chowders, hearty seafood salads and a full complement of hot and cold shellfish ap-

petizers.

The presentations are straightforward here, which allows the kitchen to focus on the cooking. For instance, rather than frying the oysters (\$7.55) in a vat of bubbling oil, they are lightly coated and quickly pan-fried. The result is meltingly tender seafood with a skin-thin crust. The bed of shredded iceberg and ramekin of tartar sauce may look unimpressive — but who cares?

Even when no cooking is required, the kitchen comes through by putting quality where it counts. The shrimp

salad, with its black olives, hard-boiled egg and rounds of cucumber, looked completely ordinary. But the large bay shrimp were outstanding: plump, pink and perfectly sweet.

There are few things as satisfying as a bowl of steamed shellfish on a winter evening, as Spenger's black mussels (\$8.85), infused with basil and tomato, proved. Small and sweet but piled high, the mussels came with lots of flavorful broth, wedges of chewy garlic bread and a side of clarified butter for dipping.

The entrees are a clever combination of traditional and fanciful recipes. Just deciding among the 30 kinds of fish isn't always enough. Salmon, for instance, is served fajita-style (\$9.50), poached with hollandaise (\$17.90), grilled with chives and lemon (\$17.90), or roasted on a cedar plank with berry butter (\$17.80).

We chose the latter and, while the side dishes were mediocre, the salmon itself was crisp, hot and so naturally rich that the butter sauce was almost superfluous — however, the sauce's floral hint of berry proved a clever match to the cedar-kissed fish. Entrees typically come with mashed potatoes (ours were lumpy and dense) and veggies (we got underdone broccoli florets).

I was excited to see onaga (\$19.65) on the specialty menu, as it is truly the king of Hawaiian snappers. Served with a pile of dark, nutty rice and (underdone) green beans, the fish was seared in hot spices and served with a creamy red curry sauce. The onaga portion was small, and the

preparation perhaps too spicy for such a delicate catch, but it was utterly fresh and cooked to a fluffy fare-thee-well.

On a classic test, the kitchen aced the fish and failed the chips, with the coleslaw just getting a passing grade.

Fried in a beer-batter shell, the fresh cod (\$9.70) arrived as moist and slippery as it was on the hook: quite a contrast to its plate-mate of leaden fries.

The tasty desserts were an unexpected surprise. They read like classics but arrive dressed to party. The key lime pie (\$5.25) is topped with glistening daggers of ripe mango, a towering banana cream pie (\$4.25) looks splashy with caramel sauce, and alongside the white chocolate creme brulee (\$5.95) has a stencil design of an anchor, done in cocoa.

The wine list is on the back of the menu, which is printed daily both for lunch and dinner. It's a good selection, mostly Californian, with a mix of familiar and boutique wineries featured. There are several glasses available for under \$5, and only a few of the 70-odd bottles break the \$40 mark (although the Captain's List has the real treasures). The full bar, of course, allows the more spirited to indulge in whiskey and rum.

It took, perhaps, a few minutes too long before we were greeted by our server, but once we had ordered, the pace was swift. The seasoned crew is upbeat and seems to relish managing such a big, bold ship. So, while the kitchen should shore up its side dishes, the horizon looks bright and clear for Spenger's.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. (510) 845-7771.

NBA All-Star Jam Session — through Feb. 13. The ultimate interactive basketball experience where fans can slam dunk, lay up, run shot

from a trampoline, play hoops, basketball, shoot baskets with a long

shot, record their own tapes, play by-

play, make their own team, test their

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**BILL MANN**  
Media Notes

Ratings declare  
**102.1 No. 2**

**B**avo, KDFC! It's one of the most remarkable stories in local radio in a decade, and at this writing, anyway—several days after the fact, there hasn't been a word about it in daily news papers. That's because even though people spend more time in their cars and listen to more radio than ever, most of the local stations don't consider radio important enough to cover. (It's so much more important for Phil Matier and Bill to report daily on the latest fascinating kindergarten antics of KDFC's hack pols.)

The fall Arbitron radio ratings have just come out, and classical KDFC-FM (102.1) has just tied for second in the "beauty contest" of listeners. NewsTalk KGO's (810 AM) 22-year streak of Arbitron remains unbroken. This is the fourth straight KDFC hasn't finished higher than eighth before. Since KDFC's corporate sister station KDFC, which is an AM and an FM station, tied for second, this technically makes KDFC the top-rated music station in the Bay Area. That's amazing. Urban/dance stations like KMEL and "Wild 94.9" have never owned the No. 1 classification rating. Classical KDFC, imagine kinda restores your faith in the human race, doesn't it? (But we've always known the Bay Area is special. That's why we chose to live here.)

Out of course, we've also seen letters in the Hills papers from disgruntled KDFC fans. They're unhappy at all about the station's sound, and they certainly can't be buoyed by KDFC's historical ratings success. They're more than that the station has sold out and doesn't play Bartok, Bruckner, Schenker, Prokofiev, Mahler, other dissonant and modern composers in its new playlist.

I'm primarily concerned with the simple economic reality. If KDFC hadn't changed, the Bay Area probably wouldn't have a classical commercial station at all, taking the grim lead of Detroit and Philadelphia. KKHI died here years ago.

We're ecstatic," said KDFC morning man and programmer Bill Matier when I called to congratulate him on "Classical 102.1's" astounding rating. "I guess it kinda made the Examiner story guy in a right, doesn't it?" Yes, it does. We're referring to the Examiner's snooty, ill-informed review back when KDFC decided to leave the Metropolitan Opera's live broadcasts last fall (the Met would not allow the show to be heard over KDFC's high ratings? By the way, the station also soared in a most-covert demo group, listeners 25-54, in the new ratings). There are two major reasons:

One is the station's trimmed-down playlist, now 2,000 titles, from 20,000. That's still roughly twice the songs played on any major music station here.

Second, credit KDFC's first-ever GM, who looks like a cross between Mary Kay sales rep and a blues funeral-home director talking about "soothing" music. But he obviously works, and they got many people to sample KDFC's difference. (And many of them stayed tuned in.)

Comments like KDFC's come from a number of them doctored to sound intrusive and annoying. I mean, as KDFC general manager Valerie Howard told me, "Bon Jovi Broadcasting didn't pay \$50 for this station and not expect to make a profit." She added, "We're in the radio business. We're in the classical-music business." The critics, many of whom are L.A. snobs, "musical snobs, and simple," like to point at a San Francisco station up in Sacramento as a superior ideal. But KDFC is a public station, it is a community station. Are we clear on that?

As I hear on the new ads, "I can listen to Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Bach, Handel, and other

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## FRIDAY MOVIE GUIDE

Titles and showtimes subject to change.

Call theaters for information.

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Showtimes for Friday, February 11

## Alameda County

Act 1 &amp; II

Center St. off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM

■ *The Cup* (R) 7:00, 9:15■ *The Emperor and the Assassin* (NR) 5:00, 8:15

Albany Twin

Solano at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM

■ *All About My Mother* (R) 7:00, 9:15■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 5:00, 8:15

California Theaters

On Ktridge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM

■ *Boys Don't Cry* (R) 3:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45■ *Cradle Will Rock* (R) 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30■ *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Century 25 Union City Landing ★

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593

■ *Angela's Ashes* (R) 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 10:20■ *Anna and the King* (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 3:10■ *Any Given Sunday* (R) 1:40, 7:15■ *The Beach* (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 5:40, 9:35

6:40, 7:45, 9:30, 10:35

■ *Bicentennial Man* (PG) 12:20, 3:15, 6:45, 9:45■ *The Cider House Rules* (PG-13) 12:35, 3:25, 6:50, 9:40■ *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo* (R) 6:45, 9:00■ *Down to You* (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10■ *The End of the Affair* (R) 9:25■ *Eye of the Beholder* (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25■ *Galaxy Quest* (PG) 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35■ *Girl, Interrupted* (R) 12:55, 2:40, 7:05, 10:05■ *The Green Mile* (R) noon, 4:05, 8:15■ *The Hurricane* (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:40■ *Man on a Moon* (R) 11:15 a.m., 4:45, 7:05, 10:45■ *Next Friday* (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:55, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55

10:45

■ *Saints* (R) 7:40, 10:20, spanish with english subtitles■ *Scream 3* (R) 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 7:30, 8:00, 9:05, 10:15, 10:45■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 5:00, 7:55, 9:55■ *Stuart Little* (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:15, 7:45, 7:55■ *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (R) 12:10, 3:55, 7:20, 10:30■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 11:20 a.m., 12:05, 1:25, 2:15, 3:30, 4:25, 5:35, 6:25, 7:40, 8:35, 9:50■ *Toy Story 2* (G) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05■ *The World Is Not Enough* (PG-13) 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:55

Century Oakland 8 ★

1-800 at 6201 Oakland, Oakland 562-9990

■ *Galaxy Quest* (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00■ *The Hurricane* (R) 12:30, 3:30, 7:05, 10:05■ *Next Friday* (R) 11:50 a.m., 1:55, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10, 9:55■ *Scream 3* (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45■ *Stuart Little* (PG) 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:35, 9:35■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 11:20 a.m., 12:05, 1:25, 2:15, 3:30, 4:25, 5:35, 6:25, 7:40, 8:35, 9:50■ *Toy Story 2* (G) noon, 2:20, 5:00, 7:25

Chabot Cinema 2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555

■ *Scream 3* (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Elmwood 2665 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530

■ *Dogma* (R) 9:15■ *The Insider* (R) 8:35■ *The Limey* (R) 5:10, 9:20■ *The Sixth Sense* (PG-13) 7:10■ *The Straight Story* (G) 7:00■ *Sweet and Lowdown* (PG-13) 4:45, 6:40■ *Twinkies* (PG-13) 4:50

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley ★

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 849-1143

■ *Program A* (NR) 7:30■ *The Sultry Spurk: An Erotic Cinema Valentine* (NR)

Grand Lake Cinema ★

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556

■ *The Beach* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45■ *The Hurricane* (R) 12:30, 3:30, 7:05, 10:05■ *Next Friday* (R) 11:50 a.m., 1:55, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10■ *Scream 3* (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45■ *Stuart Little* (PG) 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:35, 9:35■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 3:15, 7:00, 10:35

Main Festival 9 ★

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000

■ *Angela's Ashes* (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00■ *The Beach* (R) noon, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15■ *Galaxy Quest* (PG) 2:25, 5:05, 7:55, 10:15■ *The Hurricane* (R) 12:25, 3:55, 7:05, 10:10■ *Next Friday* (R) 12:30, 3:30, 5:25, 8:00, 10:40■ *Scream 3* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 3:15, 7:00, 10:35

Jack London Cinema ★

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320

■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30■ *Eye of the Beholder* (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20■ *Galaxy Quest* (PG) noon, 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05■ *The Hurricane* (R) 12:25, 3:55, 7:05, 10:10■ *Next Friday* (R) 12:30, 3:30, 5:25, 8:00, 10:40■ *Scream 3* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 3:15, 7:00, 10:35

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Paley Theater ★

1875 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 526-1836

■ *The Green Mile* (R) 8:20■ *Magnolia* (R) 7:30■ *Snow Falling on Cedars* (PG-13) 6:00■ *Toy Story 2* (G) 5:30

Piedmont Theatre Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM

■ *All About My Mother* (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00■ *The Cider House Rules* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 7:45■ *Holy Smoke* (R) 1:00, 3:45, 7:45■ *Shatuck Cinema* 05 Shattuck at Kildee, Berkeley 843-FILM■ *Angela's Ashes* (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:10■ *Being John Malkovich* (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:00■ *The Cider House Rules* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45■ *The End of the Affair* (R) 9:00■ *Girl, Interrupted* (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 9:50■ *Holy Smoke* (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45■ *The Hurricane* (R) 1:40, 4:45, 8:00■ *Next Friday* (R) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45■ *Scream 3* (R) 1:45 a.m., 5:15, 8:00, 10:45■ *Snow Day* (PG) 1:45 a.m., 5:15, 8:00, 10:45■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45■ *UJA Emery Bay* 2774 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487■ *The Beach* (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:50■ *Eye of the Beholder* (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10■ *Galaxy Quest* (PG) noon, 2:20, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40■ *Fantasia 2000* (G) 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 10:00, 10:45■ *The Green Mile* (R) noon, 8:00■ *Snow Day* (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 7:15, 9:15■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40■ *The Cider House Rules* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45■ *Eye of the Beholder* (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45■ *Holy Smoke* (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45■ *The Hurricane* (R) 1:40, 4:40, 8:00■ *Next Friday* (R) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45■ *Scream 3* (R) 1:45 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00■ *Snow Day* (PG) 1:45 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00■ *The Tigger Movie* (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00■ *Topsy-Turvy* (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45■ *UJA Emery Bay* 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107

■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40■ *The Cider House Rules* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45■ *Eye of the Beholder* (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45■ *Holy Smoke* (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45■ *The Hurricane* (R) 1:40, 4:40, 8:00■ *Next Friday* (R) 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:45■ *Scream 3* (R) 1:45 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00■ *Snow Day* (PG) 1:45 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00■ *The Beach* (R) 11:00 a

## NOW PLAYING

**'ISN'T SHE GREAT?'** Bette Midler stars in the catty, tongue-in-cheek bio-pic of famously trashy actress and writer Jacqueline Susann, like a Susan novel, it's a potboiler bit of voyeuristic slumming that really amounts to much, even though you won't regret having put it in the time. — R. Butler (R; language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

**'THE LUMET'**: Steven Soderbergh, who navigated the independent film movement with *Sex, Lies, & Videotape*, shows his skills in this equally powerful character study about a Brit who comes to sun-soaked L.A. to avenge his daughter's death. Terence Stamp builds on his performance in an earlier film called "Poor Cow," Peter Finch as a cowardly record producer. The movie glows and flows as if it were a daydream. — K. Hershenson. (R; violence, language.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B+

**'MAGNOLIA'**: "Boogie Nights" director Paul Thomas Anderson once more blows our minds with this ambitious opus, which looks like some exotic blossom in a San Fernando Valley hothouse. It careens through a vast emotional landscape, touching on the lives of a former show-woman, a man dying of cancer and a lovesick couple to name a few. The entire ensemble — Julianne Moore, Jason Robards, Tim Roth, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Tom Cruise — is superb, but Tom Cruise is the best as an introverted stud. — K. Hershenson. (R; strong language, drug use, sexuality, some violence.) 3 hours. A-

**'MAN ON THE MOON'**: Oddball comic and provocateur Andy Kaufman may seem to be a bizarre choice for a bio-pic, but under Jim Jarmusch's direction, and with a "marijuana-like" performance from Jim Carrey, it's worth every minute. The film is as dramatic as its subject, who died at age 35 from lung cancer, and was best known for running the "Mighty Mouse" theme song and wrestling women. — K. Hershenson. (R; language, brief sexuality, nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. D+

**'MANSFIELD PARK'**: An ambitious adaptation that draws on both the Jane Austen novel and the author's letters and journals. In her heroine Fanny Price a woman who's partly fictional, partly the author herself, a poor girl sent to live with her wealthy aunt in a great country house. Fanny is almost married off to a cad, despite her love for a cousin who is engaged to the cad's betrothed sister. There is the wit and romance we expect in an Austen film, and another level, at which we appreciate what a rebel Jane Austen had to be, in her place, to be a novelist at all. With Frances O'Connor as plucky Fanny, Harold Bloom as lecherous Lord Bertram, and Emma Thompson as the stony but beautiful Mary (voiced by Patricia Rozema). — R. Ebert. (R; brief violent images, sexual content and drug use.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A-

**'A MAP OF THE WORLD'**: Sigourney Weaver stars as a mom whose humdrum life is shattered by the calamity of a son's death. Despite a solid supporting cast, Weaver's character dominates this film — it's a point of view that worked well in Jane Austen's novel, but which hurts in adaptation. — J. Maslin. (Not rated.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. C+

**'NOTH FRIDAY'**: Rapper/actor Ice Cube was produced and starred in this sequel to the popular 1995 comedy "Friday." Cube surrounds himself here with off-the-wall efforts to compensate for his shortcomings as a comedian. The sequel finds Craig (Ice) moving in with relatives in the "burbs" after his arch nemesis Debit (Tim Lister) breaks out of jail, vowing vengeance on Craig. Unlike the first film, which featured Craig Tucker, the secondary characters aren't as crazy intense, but what they lack in comic skills, they make up for in volume. "Not Friday" isn't particularly sophisticated drama, but it is, without question, funny. — R. Butler. (R; strong language, drug use and sexual content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

**'PLAY IT THE BONE'**: Antonio Banderas and Woody Harrelson play friends who are jazz fighters given a shot at an underground in Las Vegas. Because we like them both, a serious miscalculation to end the movie with a brutal and gruesome fight, in which we don't want either one to win because we don't want either one to lose. The movie is a hackneyed road movie, starting David Cronenberg, who drives them to Las Vegas in his convertible, visiting all the clubs along the way. — R. Ebert. (R; Brutal violence, strong sexuality including dialogue, nudity, profane language and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. D+

**'POKEMON: THE FIRST MOVIE'**: This latest manifestation of the Pokemon craze is among more than a glorified Saturday-morning cartoon. Kids will slurp up it like sugar-coated cereal, but adults will be baffled by the messy plot, which consists of battles between the whimsical creatures known as Pocket Monsters in Japan. Compared to the artistry of another Japanese import, "Princess Mononoke," or "Toy Story 2," 4 weeks of crass commercialism. That's provided by a short, "Pikachu's Vacation." — K. Hershenson. (G) 1 hour, 29 minutes. C-

**'SCREAM 3'**: This final — they swear — installment of the savvy horror franchise has become our own worst nightmare ... formula. The guy in the Edward Munch mask becomes Neve Campbell refuses to be a victim. Courteney Cox Arquette is obnoxiously overexposed.

## Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Oakland Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Manhattan Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Richmond Independent	Seattle Times
"Angela's Ashes" (R)	■	★	■	■	■	■	▼
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"Eye of the Beholder" (R)	▼	▼	▼	●	▼	●	●
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"Magnolia" (R)	★	★	■	■	■	■	■
"Play It to the Bone" (R)	▼	■	●	●	●	●	●
"Scream 3" (R)	▼	■	■	■	■	■	■
"Talented Mr. Ripley" (R)	★	★	■	■	■	■	■

★ Brilliant

■ Good

▼ Weak

● Bomb

ious TV reporter Gale Weathers. The only new blood, if you will, is Parker Posey, who camps it up deliciously as an actress portraying Weathers in a movie about the original murders, titled "Stab 3." — K. Hershenson. (R; Strong violence, language.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B+

**"SIMPLICITY"**: Wheezy noir about a lifelong bond between a millionaire horse breeder (Jeff Bridges) and a scuzzy layabout (Nick Nolte). What secret do they share with each other — and with Bridges' racy wife (Sharon Stone) and a mysterious horse lineage expert (Albert Finney)? And did Nolte assault supermarket cashier Catherine Keener or barely kiss her? Based on a Sam Shepard play that gets way too much mileage out of a short trip. — R. Ebert. (R; Some strong sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. A+

**"THE SIXTH SENSE"**: Bruce Willis plays a troubled psychologist with an even more troubled patient: a young boy (Haley Joel Osment) who solemnly tells him, "I see dead people. They want me to tell things for them." Not a thriller but a traditional ghost story, with the psychologist uneasily approaching the supernatural ("What do you think the dead people are trying to tell you?"). Willis plays it straight, which is effective, and Osment is very good in a difficult role. The ending is surprising and effective. — R. Ebert. (PG-13; intense thematic material and violent images.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. A+

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She tells all as candles on the altar flicker, lights change color, and sound track fills the void with the tragic details of true thespian life. From that and the juicy background tidbits like mom and dad's eccentric habits, along with local gossip, a tale emerges that many of us can relate to, even those who enjoy swim-

ming in secretarial pools.

The success of "Confessions" lies in its excellent pacing, as well the light way the playwright handles the heavier material of her character's life.

Take for instance, the solemn moment when the thespian reflects on a costume designer friend who died from ovarian cancer. It's a quiet moment McMillion steps into as easily as she races through others.

Her writing is so lyrical, one almost catches her breath so as not to miss one single word. The closing prayer "Hello God," sung by Pam V.S. Dawson (who also composed the

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As I was leaving the auditorium, I saw McMillion's big brother walking up the aisle, tears in his eyes. "Confessions" had hit the spot.

Kim McMillion's "Confession's of a Thespian" continues Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Julie Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Call 510-525-5948 for information.

## Mann

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baroque/classical period composers KDFC now features all day. My musical preferences are simple and uncomplicated — at least, by the standards of the musical cognoscenti. I like melody and structure. I do not like dissonance and self-indulgent experimentation in classical music. When I hear someone dismiss Mozart as "ornamental" or "inconsequential," I am equally dismissive of their exalted view of their own musical tastes.

The French have a term for this: "Chacun a son gout," or, roughly, "to each his own." Here's another: Vive le nouveau KDFC!

**RICHARD SOLO:** "I really don't know if I'll anchor by myself or not," KTVU 20-year veteran anchor Cheryl Jennings was up at KGO (note: about 20 feet away from sister station KSFO's studios) to do her nightly plug for Channel 7's newscast. She was Cynthia's producer sitting in the darkened studio, staring into space. She went in and comforted him." KGO-TV's studios are on the floor below KGO Radio. The KSFO staffer added, "Cheryl went back up two more times that night — just to see if he was going to be OK."

Jennings is part of a vanishing breed in broadcasting: The class act. Around the Dial: If you recognized the name Alan Ray on KGO Radio's newscast recently, you should: Ray was an anchor at rival KCBS Radio until 1985, when he

have no idea." Is the new newscast going to be a lot more work? "Not really," shrugs Richmond. "I've been coming in around 3 p.m. I'll just come in around 2 p.m. now." That probably means earlier tee times for the newsman, an avid golfer.

If I were KGO, KPIX, and KRON, I'd be concerned: Their critical 6 p.m. news ratings are about to take a hit.

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## Scream

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ogy, while still delivering the savvy scares of "Screams" past. The thing about trilogies, as a character notes in the movie, is that anything can happen.

That makes for plenty of plot zigzags and red (very red) herrings this time out. The distributor is Miramax's Dimension Films, which has scrambled to manufacture mystique by imploring critics not to reveal key plot points. Internet reviewers were banned from a San Francisco screening earlier this week, probably because of their tendency to spill.

But unless you are well-versed in "Scream" plot development, I wouldn't worry about spoilers. There's nothing extraordinary going on here, just the usual cat-and-mouse game with the knife-wielding guy in the Edvard Munch mask, and much fretting on the part of Neve Campbell as Sidney, the pursued one.

Arquette is once again Dewey, survivor of the original massacre, serving as the movie's adviser and cabana boy for Posey's Jennifer Jolie. When a new spate of slashing begins in Hollywood, Weathers, who authored a book on the murders, is called in to aid police.

There are several celebrity cameos, lots of cell-phone riffs and more jokes than I could absorb. There are clever moments, even some mildly scary ones, but the movie doesn't match the exuberance of the first two.

What we are witnessing here is a rather perfunctory conclusion to what was once an inspired burst of creativity. In Hollywood, as in life, all good things must come to an end.



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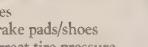
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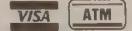
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# Calendar

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## Classes

**The Berkeley** East Bay Humane Society, 2700 Ninth St., begins its six week "DWA: Dogs With An Attitude" class program on Feb. 18. DWA is a training class for dog-aggressive dogs and their people. To qualify for the class, each dog must attend a one-on-one evaluation with the Society's behavioral counselor. Cost of the evaluation \$40. The class is priced at \$95. Call The Society at 845-7735, ext. 22, to discuss your dog's problem.

**Hausmuseum presents** "Imagination, Imagination and Intention," a workshop for singers, on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is conducted by mezzo soprano Karen Clark. Singers of all levels and all styles are invited to attend. Place: St. Alban's Parish Hall, 1501 Washington St., Albany. Fee: \$30. To register or receive more information, call 594-4048.

A series of introductory classes sponsored by Vista Community College, 2020 May St., continues on Feb. 11 with "Introduction to Research on the Internet," presented by Janice Carter, Golden Gate University's information services librarian. "Using Internet Search Engines," takes place March 3 and 10, presented by Joe Baker, librarian at the UC-Berkeley Teaching Library, and "Internet Resources for Consumer Health Information" follows on March 17 and 24, presented by Debbie Jan, assistant director of UC-Berkeley's Public Health Library. Each workshop is conduct in two parts and costs \$5.50 for residents.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for "Home Fruit Grower." Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. To discuss or buy fruit, Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design in the East Bay. Cost: \$30 for non-members; \$75 for members. Call 848-2220 to reserve a space.

**The Lehrhaus** judaica at the Reutlinger Center, 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, offers more than 100 classes on Judaism: Hebrew, Bible History, Culture, Prayer, singing in February through out the Bay Area. Call Lehrhaus Judaica at 845-6420 to view a catalog.

**The van der Zanden Studio**, 1025 Carlton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

**Tuning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. Scribble Time, a class taught by Anne Levine, P.D., has helped people to understand themselves better and to find their focus. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**I CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 202 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-9263 for additional information.

**Berkeley Community Media** (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Faro, John or Sage.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Tuning Point Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the resources available to the public including a variety of workshops held Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call 848-6370.

**Lehmanak**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaripayattu Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday morning 8 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers: Diana Bohr and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class running at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday evenings 10 p.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance** Fitness Classes open to all! Salsa, Afro-Brazilian, bellydancing, salsa swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, plus based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Latin Spring and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brothers Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley. Details: 549-3591; \$40 for four weeks.

**Children**

**The Buddy Club**, presents its own sing-a-long with Bay Area legend Gary Lapow on Sunday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center Theater, 1249 Marin Ave. The shows are targeted for children 2 through 12 and their parents and include audience participation. Tickets: \$7 per person, under 2 free. For more information call The Buddy Club at 848-6952.

**Entertainment** For Leonard Peltier, In the Spirit of Crazy Horse, a benefit for the imprisoned Native American author and political prisoner, Sunday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. Participants include Peter Coyote, actor and author, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, poet, publisher and activist, Winona LaDuke, Native American writer and activist among others. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Call 848-6767 for additional information.

Health Center hosts its Fourth Annual Crab Feed Fund-raiser, Saturday, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Tickets: \$25 includes complete dinner, one complimentary drink, and homemade cookies. Meet new people, enjoy good entertainment, and a raffle. For tickets or volunteer opportunities, call Elders Network at 597-8010 ext. 402.

**The Y2K** session of "Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales," a free story-time program for families with children up to age 3 is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. through April 12 at the West Branch Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave., near San Pablo. Babies and toddlers have a place in the library where they can make noise. Kids and their adult companions can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the Garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve your space.

**Theater Rats**, Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

**The Buddy Club** features comic Ace Miles performing magic, judging, and ventriloquism on Sunday, Feb. 13, noon to 1 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Tickets: \$7 per person, under two free. All Buddy Club performances are targeted for children ages 2 through 12 and their parents, and they include audience participation. Birthday party packages are available at every show. Limited unreserved tickets will be sold at the door. For additional information call 652-7469.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth** (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurogenetic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education**, drop-in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8-\$10.

## Community

**The Judah L. Magnes** Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents its Second Annual Richard Nagler Photography Competition. The 2000 competition welcomes all entries representing a series with a Jewish theme. No category restrictions: black and white or color okay. Awards: cash, museum and web exhibitions. Entry deadline is March 1. Discounted fee for early entries. For detailed entry instructions email jewphoto@aol.com.

**The Elders** Network at the Over-60-

door. Call 848-6767 for additional information.

**The Ann Martin Children's** Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

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**The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce** hosts a "Leap Year Luncheon," with David Gornes, on Tuesday, Feb. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at H's Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr. Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. Call the Chamber at 549-7003 for additional information.

**Lawrence Hall of Science** (LHS), continues its Black History Month celebration with storyteller Claresa Morrow on Saturday, Feb. 12, 12:30 p.m.; "Family Affair African Music and Storytelling," on Saturday, Feb. 19; "Science Spectacular," on Sunday, Feb. 20, noon-2 p.m.; "Women

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**The Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics" on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment. Anne Levine, Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. Price: \$15 for YWCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Page, at 845-6606.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst, offers Income Tax Help beginning Feb. 15 and continuing through April 11. Call Maggie at 644-6107, to schedule an appointment.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on

training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. The Office of Emergency Services also offers classes in basic personal preparedness (how to take care of yourself, family, home and neighborhood), and disaster mental health. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-6736.

**Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film

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tion call 642-9808.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst, presents a Millennium Party with music and son by the Toru Sato and

Band Refreshments will be served at 1:15 p.m. For additional information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice-Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

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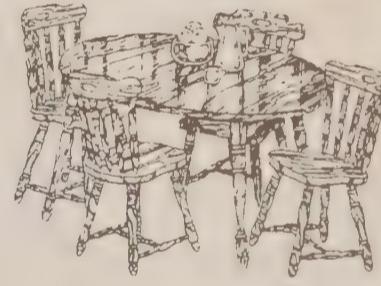
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Let me introduce Sam to my left, Bobby to my right, and me, I'm Feenia. We are all waiting for a new family to come home to. Perhaps that could be you? Fall in love this month with a new friend from one of the Bay Area's Animal Rescue Centers and have yourself a Happy Valentine's Day!

## Adopt & Pet

Beyond the dirt and matted hair...

### A Heart Of Gold Lives Happily Ever After

By Pat Lynch, President - NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue

I received a phone call from one of the shelters in my area on March 15. The shelter worker was a very pleasant woman who told me about Bear, saying that he was sweet and loving but was in desperate need of a bath. I told the worker that my first day off from work was in two days and asked if it would be okay to wait until then to pick him up. The woman reassured me that the shelter was not full and that it would be fine. She stated that she would leave a note for the other workers. I specifically asked if Bear would be in danger of being put down. She said no.

The next day when I came home from work there was a message on my answering machine from another shelter worker named Hazel. She told me if I did not pick up Bear by 2 o'clock that day, he would be euthanized. It was now 7 o'clock and the time was past. I thought Bear was dead. I cried and of course could not sleep. I phoned the shelter knowing I would only get an answering machine and left a message stating how upset I was. Someone was going to answer for this dreaded and unfortunate act.

Hazel called the next morning. Bear was still alive because she had not had time to put him down the day before. She maintained that he was totally unadoptable. When I asked her why, she gave me the following reasons: he had flea bite dermatitis, his fur was horribly matted, his ears were raging with infection, he was filthy and smelled very bad, and he had tumors hanging everywhere. I told her that she had not given me one good reason why no one would want Bear. She told me to be at the shelter by 12 o'clock noon; I was there by 10.

The shelter worker who initially contacted me about Bear was at the desk and stated that she had not realized how horrible his condition was and should not have contacted me. I suspected she felt bullied by Hazel but truly didn't believe that Bear didn't deserve a second chance. Another reluctant worker led me to Bear's lonely kennel, far away from the other animals. Poor Bear was not even given a chance to meet the public. As I examined him, the shelter worker continued to try to convince me that he was unadoptable. Although I was becoming overwhelmed with the foul odor coming from his infected ears, I could tell that he was sweet and affectionate. I estimated that he was 10 to 12 years old.

He appeared to be healthy – the suspected tumors were just large, old mats of fur. I interrupted the worker and told her, "I'm taking him now. I paid the regular fee, and Bear willingly walked out of the shelter with me."

Bear jumped into my car and off we went to the pet wash. We spent two hours in the tub together. By the time I finished cutting away the matted hair, flushing his ears, and lathering him with shampoo, it was hard to determine who was wetter – Bear or me. But it didn't matter because Bear was once again a Golden. The store manager was so overcome with joy that he didn't charge us a penny. So it was out of the tub, back into the car, and off to see the veterinarian, who stayed an hour after closing just to see Bear. The vet gave him a thorough examination and all of his shots. Bear was very brave.

And now, as they say, the rest is history. Bear was placed with a wonderful foster home and adopted only a few weeks by a senior citizen. His new parents, the Jorgensons, say they have never had such a loving dog. They describe him as very obedient and wanting to please. Recently received this note from Bear's new mom:

Dear Pat,

I really appreciate your interest in Bear. We love having him in our lives. He is our constant companion and is enjoying his life with us. Our veterinarian says he appears to be in good health. He seems to feel secure here but makes sure he gets in the car with us. He loves his walks around our five acres, the beach where he runs, and the Point Arena Pier. He is a very loving and well behaved boy. Thanks again for the wonderful work you do for Goldens.

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## The Heroic Volunteer Delivers Love...with a Passion!

By Nancy DuPont

Love has many forms. Hearts or chocolates, kisses wrapped in all traditional ways of saying, "I love you" this Valentine week. In love, in its purest Agape form we see best in the heart of a volunteer. The unsung hero performing heroic acts daily in their everyday life. They are your neighbors or your friends but they may talk much about what they do. I learned that my neighbor, Carol Mason of Walnut Creek spends hours at the Animal Rescue station, including transporting loads of cats and dogs to her car, making several trips to the veterinary and back so that the owners receive their pets neutered and a clean bill of health.

John Lynch, President of Nor Cal Retriever opens her home to the dogs and cats from the shelter and Susan Worth said: "It breaks my heart to see dogs at the shelter like Pao does, right in the middle between fund rais-



In March we will feature a story on one of our Volunteers.

**TREASURE ISLAND CATS**

## Undergoing "Feral Fix"

The city of San Francisco (Treasure Island Development Authority Project) is building apartments on Treasure Island, U.S. Navy personnel once occupied the abandoned apartments. Many of the naval families had domesticated cats in their units. When the naval base was closed two years ago, many of the families left behind their pet cats. The cats quickly multiplied and became feral. It is estimated that there are between two hundred to three hundred cats on the island.

A group of volunteers from the San Francisco SPCA's Cat Assistant Team has been feeding the cats. Greg Corning leads this dedicated group. The team feeds six a week in six to eight feeding stations. No matter how much food is left in the feeding station the food is gone in the next day. Therefore, it is clear that the cat population is fast growing on the island.

San Francisco SPCA has established a "feral fix" program. The cats will be spayed or neutered, secondly they will be given physical examinations and shots. Then all the cats will be returned to the island.

All volunteers trap on a regular basis. So far 60 cats have been trapped and released through the "feral fix" program.

There are so many cats on the island, a great amount of cat food is needed. The Pet Club stores throughout the San Francisco Bay Area have space in their store for a food donation bin. People have donated cans and bins are always full, but there is still not enough food to feed all the cats. Therefore, cat food must be bought on a continuing basis.

If you would like to save the Treasure Island cats, please make a tax-deductible donation to Ohlone Humane Society/PMB 108, 39120 Argonaut Street, Fremont, CA 94538. \$10-792-4587. Please write "Treasure Island" on your check.

# Pet Talk

AN ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Disaster Preparedness for dog and cat owners

By Dr. Allen Cesafsky

Plan ahead. In the event of an evacuation, pets may not be allowed inside human emergency shelters. Determine the best place to leave your pet in case of disaster. Identify an off-site location as well as a place in your home.

**Identification and photographs.** Dogs and cats should always wear properly fitting collars, personal identification rabies, and license tags. Make sure all the information on the tag is current. Keep a current photo of each pet. Make sure any distinguishing markings are visible. You will need proof of ownership to retrieve your pet from a shelter.

**Disaster kit.** Maintain a disaster preparedness supply kit for each of your pets.

**Paperwork and Records.** Store important animal documents in a zip-lock or

waterproof plastic bag. These should include vaccination and medical records. **Vaccinations.** Your pets need to be current on vaccinations. You will be required to show proof of vaccinations if you need to board your pet.

If you can't take your pet with you, bring your pet indoors. Do not leave your pet chained outdoors. House dogs and cats separately, even if they normally get along.

Pet behavior may change after an emergency. Monitor your pets closely and keep them leashed. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered, causing confusion and abnormal behavior.

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year begins on February 18.

The first "growl" classes were done on the East Coast and in the Midwest. Developed by expert trainers and behaviorists, this concept includes a scientific approach to behavior modification combined with the most modern and gentle approach to animal training. Humane societies everywhere want to help dogs keep their homes with loving owners. If you're at your wits end, call the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society at (510) 845-7735 extension 22 to discuss your dog's problem.

### "Growl" Classes offered at Berkeley Humane Society DWA: Dogs with an "Attitude"

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DWA is a training class for dog-aggressive dogs and their people. The class is in six weekly sessions. To qualify for the class, each dog must attend a one-on-one evaluation with the Society's behavioral counselor. Cost of the evaluation is \$40 and the six-week class is priced at only \$95. The first class session for the

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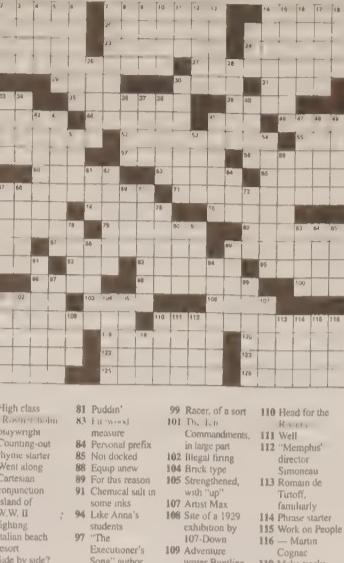
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## Exhibits

**The Kala** Art Institute of Berkeley, 1060 Heinz Ave., continues its exhibition of 90 artists through Feb. 25. Gallery hours, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday or by appointment. Call 549-2977 for additional information.

**Traywick Gallery**, 1316 10th St., presents an exhibition featuring a new installation by Bay Area sculptor Susan Martin. The exhibit continues through March 5. Gallery hours: Thursday through Saturday, 11 to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website at [www.traywick.com](http://www.traywick.com) or call 527-1214.

**The Graduate** Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, continues its exhibition "Bookworks," through March 30. This exhibit features the recent works of Anne Hicks Silberg. Silberg is well known as a writer and illustrator of children's books; her career a book artist is celebrated in this exhibition. Call 649-2400 for additional information.

**"The Human Figure of paper: Works from the Collection of Peter Selz"** is on exhibit through March 31 in the Flora Lamson Hewitt Library, 2400 Ridge Rd. Among the works shown is a pair of engravings from William Hogarth's *The*

Rake's Progress, and prints by Daumier, Max Beckmann and Willem de Kooning. The exhibit honors Professor Peter Selz, an internationally recognized art historian. The public is invited to a reception on March 3, 5-7 p.m. Dr. Paul Kalstrom, West Coast Director of the Archives of American Art will speak about Professor Selz's role both as scholar and collector. For more information, contact 649-2423.

**The Fig Tree** Gallery, 2599 8th St., presents its February Group Show continuing through Feb. 27. Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The Fig Tree Gallery is a co-op gallery, run and managed by gallery members. For more information, call 540-7843.

**The Berkeley Historical Society** announces a new exhibit, "Then and Now." We are celebrating Berkeley at the millennium through a series of photographs and artifacts comparing the old and the new. The exhibit, which is sponsored by the Mayor's Millennium Planning Committee and the Berkeley City Council, reveals what has changed and what has been preserved. Family and community life, neighborhoods, businesses, and transportation systems are explored. The exhibit is open until March 25. Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. Admission free. Curated by Ken Cardwell and the Berkeley Historical Society Exhibit Committee.

**The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park, continues its exhibit "Small is Beautiful" through Feb. 12. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. "Mom's Gift," an art exhibit through Feb. 12, at Nexus Gallery, 2701 Eighth St. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Closed Monday. The exhibit features the works of seven members of the Josephine family. Call 548-2261 for additional information.

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In celebration of the Grand Opening, the Steak Bistro is offering a two-for-one entree until March 31st. Open for Valentines Day with a prix-fix menu - \$50 per person. Reservations recommended.

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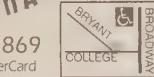
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## Saturn turns to converted for L-Series plan

By Marion Wechter  
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

When Saturn developed the new L-Series Sedan and Wagon, the company faced an unusual challenge: How could the automaker pry loyal Saturn owners out of their old vehicles to test drive the new?

Indirectly. Saturn customers, because of their changing needs, played an important role in the development of the new L-Series.

The all-new Saturn L-Series sedan and wagon are designed to compete in the mid-size market area. Exclusive to Saturn is a fuel efficient four-cylinder and V-6 engine designed for the competitive market niche.

The new aluminum four-cylinder engine has a power plant that puts out 137 horsepower at 5800 rpm and 135 ft/lbs of torque at 3400 rpm. This 2.2-liter engine features twin overhead camshafts.

Called the Twin Cam, this engine with four valves per cylinder is designed for quick response in both highway and city driving.

The Twin Cam four cylinder is standard on the LS, LS1 and LW1. The LS and LS1 feature a five-speed manual transmission.

MacPherson strut front suspension plus a multi-link rear suspension contribute to efficient road handling and performance. Rack and pinion hydraulic power-assisted steering is standard on all models.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise  
McCluggage

"Keep in mind even with four-wheel drive, the tire is what meets the road."

## All-season tires turn in market gain

Light curtains, wafting in summer breezes, are hung at the windows. Light-colored slipcovers are stretched over the sofa. The rug is taken up to reveal the sheen of wood floors. The car's tires are switched from chunky treads to smoother rolling ones. Such were the rituals as the season mellowed from ice and chill to something milder. Come fall, the process cranked into reverse.

Maybe some of those small ceremonies still mark the Earth's new tilt, but one has become downright rare, at least in the United States. That is tire switching. Why? Improvements in tires, multiple cars, laziness, expense, limited stor-

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# 2000 Nissan Sentra goes the extra mile to protect its rep

Nissan Sentra has always enjoyed the reputation of being a nice little economical and reliable sedan. With the new 2000 model, however, its image should gain new momentum.

The Sentra is Nissan's entry level car, a vehicle that buyers expect to provide good transportation, not much more. But the 2000 model is a new beginning for a few reasons. Its styling should attract favorable glances; it now has a quiet and more spacious interior; it has much better ride and handling qualities and the new engine has more zip.

The designers gave the Sentra smooth sophisticated lines that suggest it is a more expensive car. But there is much more to the 2000 model than just reshaping the exterior. The car now has a stronger, more rigid platform which makes a world of difference in handling and interior noise level.

Because of a rock-solid platform, each component of the suspension system — shocks, struts, stabilizer bars, tires, etc. — have been tuned to work in their best possible manner. This results in less road noise reverberating throughout the car. The slight noise that is heard has a more pleasant sound. This is the one factor that impressed me most during my test drive. Mentally I was comparing the low-level interior noise of the Sentra to more luxurious cars such as the Maxima. This is something unexpected — a low-priced car.

Before getting into the price, let me explain that there are various models to choose. California buyers have a CA model. C stands for Clean Air. Incidentally the Sentra is

## Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

**"When it came to real enjoyment, the top-of-the-line SE model with the performance package and 16-inch alloy wheels would be my choice."**

the first car to be certified as a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle with zero evaporative emission standards. Amazingly, the air exhausted from this car is cleaner than the air it sucks into the engine.

There are GXE and SF models. Since the GXE is Nissan's big seller, it is the focus of this report. Prices for these vehicles have yet to be announced, but a ballpark price for the GXE is \$14,500 plus the usual \$520 for shipping and handling.

The GXE is equipped with a 1.8 liter four cylinder engine that produces 126 horsepower. It also produces its maximum torque (129 lb-ft) at a very low 2,400 rpm, which results in quick acceleration at any time. When stomping on the gas pedal, a pleasant brum-brum sound is heard.

Although I drove all the Sentra

models with both manual and automatic transmissions, my preference was the five-speed manual it seemed to allow me to accelerate faster when passing another vehicle. But when it came to real enjoyment, the top-of-the-line SF model with the performance package and 16-inch alloy wheels would be my choice.

But this is not to suggest that the GXE is below the poverty belt. The car has power windows and locks,



THE 2000 NISSAN SENTRA.

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tachometer, velour seat cloth, power side view mirrors, and variable intermittent wipers. Cars equipped with the option package have a 60/40 fold-down rear seat that includes a cargo net, plus a remote keyless entry with a trunk release.

The luxury package for this model includes 15-inch alloy wheels, an immobilizer vehicle security system and an overhead storage console with map lamps. For those who re-

ally want a well equipped car, an automatic transmission, sunroof, airbags and anti-lock brakes are available.

The standard equipped 100-watt with an integrated clock can be upgraded to a 180-watt AM/FM CD with seven speakers. The sound quality is great but the buttons and dials are too small. That being the Sentra's only shortcoming, there's no doubt this car has a bright future.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### 2000 NISSAN SENTRA

■ VEHICLE TYPE
5-passenger, 4-door FWD compact sedan
■ BASE PRICE
est. \$14,500
■ ENGINE TYPE
4-cylinder DOHC w/MFI
■ DISPLACEMENT
1.8-liter
■ HORSEPOWER (net)
126 at 6000 rpm
■ TORQUE (lb-ft)
129 at 2400 rpm
■ TRANSMISSION
4-speed elect.ctrl. automatic
■ WHEELBASE
99 in. 2514 mm
■ TREAD (front/rear)
58 / 57 in. 1473 mm
■ OVERALL LENGTH
177 in. 4495 mm
■ OVERALL WIDTH
67 in. 1701 mm
■ HEIGHT
55 in. 1397 mm
■ TURNING CIRCLE (curb)
34 ft. 10.8 m
■ CURB WEIGHT
2,593 lbs. 1373 kg
■ FUEL CAPACITY
13 gals. 3.43 L
■ EPA MILEAGE RATING
26 city, 33 highway
■ ASSEMBLY PLANT
Aguascalientes, Mexico
■ STRONG FEATURE
Quiet interior
■ WEAK FEATURE
Radio buttons

## Tires

FROM PAGE D1

storage space and the American drivers' willingness to compromise.

In 1986, only 10 percent of vehicles in the U.S. rolled into winter all-season tires. Today the market share of all-season tires is 65 percent. Did you follow the trend? Can you remember a spring when you were the last one in the neighborhood to shed your winter tires and start snow-tire rolling? Or by your neighbor stuck in his own driveway with tires waiting for traction? Long ago, I'll wager. And I'll bet you a poker term a few seasons ago switching is not the norm anymore.

**■ Improvement in tires:** The all-purpose tire — yours might say M+S on them for Mud and Snow — have improved a great deal in the past decade. "Going to" tires is not really necessary for driving where winter is less than 10 degrees. A snow tire with a tread that meshes with the snow like a gear or one that's safe touring on ice near the difference between going or not going in bad weather?

Keep in mind even with a best drive, the tire is what meets

the road. Snow country regulars will tell you that they would rather have a two-wheel drive vehicle and the right tires than a 4x4 with the wrong tires.

**■ Multiple cars:** That's how I avoided the seasonal switch of wheels years ago when I lived at the cabin in the woods. I drive near a Vermont ski area. I owned a four-wheel drive with aggressive-tread tires and a small car with summer tires. I matched the vehicle to the conditions. (See the following reason.)

**■ Laziness:** I didn't like expending the effort to change four tires twice a year. I am not alone. This correlates well with discovering the advantages in not putting up stored tires in the fall.

**■ Expense:** As the best way to change from summer to winter tires and back is to have two sets of wheels, one mounted with snow tires and the other with summer wear, it clearly costs more. Even having only one set of wheels with two sets of tires costs more, particularly when factoring in the labor costs of mounting and balancing. All-season looks like an economic way to go.

**■ Limited storage space:** When do apartment dwellers keep an extra set of wheels? Even car owners with garages don't always have room

for extra wheels and tires, especially if two cars share one garage. All-season tires have increasing appeal to those in this situation.

**■ Willingness to compromise:** True, all tires are a compromise: tire wear against adhesion, wet weather grip against gas economy.

It goes on. The all-season tire is a marvel of compromise spanning a wide range of needs. And it is a better tire for either end of the spectrum.

Specialized tires were

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get a specific need with precision. Highly specialized tires for specific

summer or car. Only such a tire can a good driver the excellence of driving such a car on roads that are eating a super plastic take off forks. It is tasting a fine wine with a clothes pinned nose. Maybe that season driving will emphasize the pleasures of a full life, even the ease

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- Steering: power-assisted rack-and-pinion
- Brakes: power-assisted front discs, rear drums
- Wheelbase: 106.5 in.
- Overall length: 190.4 in.
- Width: 69.0 in.
- Height: 78.8 in.
- Track: front/rear 59.8/59.4 in.
- Curb weight: 2,965.2 lbs.
- Fuel capacity: 14.52 gal.
- EPA average: 23 mpg city/32 mpg highway

urn owners. The L Series has a European element in body style, and yet maintains a classic Saturn look. The headlight and tail lamp designs are the same, and daytime running lights are part of the standard equipment.

It was a pleasure to be on the highway. Acceleration was effortless when merging onto the freeway and the automatic shift was smooth when going through the gear changes.

The LSi wardrobe consisted of a silver exterior body with grey cloth seats. I was relegated to sitting in the back seat while two fellow automotive journalists talked the talk up front. Being the lady that I am, it was my choice. My turn would come later.

There was plenty of leg room and the seats were comfortable. The

cloth went all the way up to the window ledges thus eliminating a lot of road noise. Optional leather seats are available.

A 60/40 split rear seat provides more cargo room and a 17.5 cubic foot trunk space provides more than enough room for luggage on long trips.

Two cup holders are built into the rear seats in addition to the two in the front console. A larger glove box stores more bulky items such as road maps that sometimes end up on the floor when taking long trips.

When hundreds of Saturn owners converge from all over the United States in one hundred degree heat and talk Saturn talk, that's dedication and loyalty.

With a baby boomer turning 50 every seven seconds, auto companies, their suppliers and industry prognosticators are paying close attention to vehicle purchases. About 68 million people in the U.S. are 50 or older; in five years 107 million will be over 55.

Today's over-50 car buyers generally purchase more expensive vehicles, ranging from pricier mid-size cars to top-of-the-line luxury automobiles and premium sport utility vehicles, according to a study by J.D. Powers and Associates, a market research firm in Agoura Hills.

Baby boomers are slightly more likely to purchase domestic brands than imported ones. They lean toward sensible and utilitarian vehicles. Their list of must-have features relates largely to comfort and convenience. They want leather seats and lumbar support in the seats and sturdy cup holders; younger boomers want premium audio systems with act disk changers and sunroofs. Safety and security are high on their wish list.

Manufacturers and suppliers, who take up to four years developing new cars and trucks, are creating teams to conduct surveys and consumer clinics to find out what older buyers want. Generations over 50 are finding over-50 drivers want large knobs and switches, easy grip door handles, high-contrast colors and lettering on gauges, large openings and high-positioned

At General Motors, the Paragon Team studies the needs of aging car buyers, many of whom face physical challenges as they age, and tries to make sure those needs

are met. Based on consumer clinic research, GM has made design changes in its vehicles to accommodate older drivers. Ignition keys are located on the dashboard instead of the steering column so the wrist is straight as the key is turned, providing more direct force.

Climate control knobs are large, lettering is white on a black background, and interior door handles are open all the way around so the hand can get a solid grip to pull the door closed.

Ford has developed what it calls the Third Age Suit, an outfit designed to simulate movements of an aging person as they style new cars and trucks. The coveralls have devices like athletic braces at all the joints, including the ankles, knees and neck, to restrict movement. Rubber gloves simulate the way an older person loses touch and fine motor skills. Heavily tinted, fogged glasses replicate the yellowing of the eyes.

## Down the Road

By Michelle Krebs

At Mazda, drivers, age 55 to 75, design their own car interior. The seniors sat inside a model of a car interior, adjusted the seat, positioned the steering wheel and pointed out where they wanted controls.

As they designed the interior, a computer stored their input and later created a blueprint of the interior they designed. From that information and video tapes of interviews with the people, Mazda's designers sketched an interior.

The Lear Corp., a Southfield, Mich.-based supplier of seats and interior components, held focus groups of buyers age 50 to 75. The older buyers liked racing-style four-point safety belts because the two shoulder harnesses slipped easily on like the straps and the lap belt proved far easier to buckle in front than traditional belts that slide into a slot mounted on the side of the seat. Lear incorporated the seatbelt, as well as a number of other features, in a concept vehicle it calls the Trans G.

Seats swivel and the steering wheel moves out of the way to make it easier to emerge from the car. The flat floor requires no leg lifting over a door sill to climb in. The rear storage tray pulls out so items like golf clubs

can be slid out instead of requiring the person to lean into the vehicle and pull them out. White-on-black taping proved the easiest to read against eyes. All controls were buttons instead of switches or knobs.

Johnson Controls has conducted consumer clinics to consider how overall architecture of the vehicle should change to suit aging boomers.

As baby boomers are buying trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles in record numbers, the company is developing ways to help people aboard these higher vehicles easily.

For instance, a seat that folds for the thigh for the thigh when the driver wants to get in or out.

Manufacturers are being considered. New technology is being easier to use and less intimidating to older drivers.

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# Get creative for RV camping adventure

## There's a way no matter your budget

There's no question that RVs can be expensive to buy and maintain. The basic vehicle cost is offset by the price of insurance, storage, licensing, fuel and other items. Depending on frequency of use though, an RV is still a very affordable means of family recreation.

Viewed as a whole, the fees paid for campgrounds are a relatively small part of RV ownership. I always consider the fee a worthwhile part of the process, and the average \$10 per night paid for a full-hookup campsite doesn't seem that bad, given what the RVer receives for that investment.

There are those, however, on a budget who always look for better camping deals, and they can be had in many places. As long as the RV user doesn't mind a dry campsite — one with no hookups at all, not many facilities — there are a variety of ways to further economize on an overnight camping spot.

In many cases the RVer picks a campsite due to its scenic or esthetic appeal, so the lack of hookups is no deal breaker.

**Rest areas:** Some states offer short-term stays at rest areas along state and federal interstate highways. While not exactly campgrounds, such rest stops can make for sleeping areas when you're traveling and can't dawdle and enjoy the scenery.

On the down side, some rest areas are also the locales for various criminal activities, so good judgment should be used when choosing to sleep in a rest area.

**Off-season campgrounds:** In a few cases you don't have a choice,

### Rolling Homes

By Jeff Johnston

of course, but camping off-peak season can save a bundle. Many campgrounds, both public and private, offer lower rates during the off-season, just as do hotels and resorts. On some occasions these rates come at the cost of reduced services and facilities, but that's how the lower rates come about, so you no doubt anticipate such a situation.

■ **Site selection:** Many campgrounds offer a variety of sites with different amenity levels ranging from full hookups to tent sites. Some tent sites literally can't accommodate an RV due to size, but some campgrounds will allow an RV in a designated no-hookup tent space at a lower per-night rate.

It's also possible to use a designated campground overflow site, if you sweet talk the campground owner and explain a low-budget situation.

While it's hard to take someone seriously when the person drives up in an RV that costs tens of thousands of dollars and then claims budget restrictions, a campground overflow lot is used when the campground is full and there's no place else to put campers.

Some campground owners may balk at the use of an overflow spot when there are regular spaces left, but you never know until you try.

Another option that's been gaining in popularity, and controversy, is the practice of camping overnight in parking lots at malls and large de-



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### DO YOUR HOMEWORK to land a sweet spot for an RV vacation.

partment stores such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart and others. RV drivers simply park and sleep overnight in such parking lots in areas that have the approval of local city ordinances and, of course, with the blessings of the landowners.

On one hand, this makes a lot of sense. The store owners often appreciate the *de facto* "extra security" of having someone present in the lot in front of a closed place of business. The RV operators often want little

more than a legal place to park and sleep for the night when en route to a travel destination, and a parking lot that's flat and offers easy access plus the security of street lights is a good place to simply stop and sleep.

There are no facilities at such a place, not counting restaurants and other local businesses nearby, but such short-term dry camping is fine with many RVers.

On the other hand, some local campground owners are starting to

bring legal action against the stores and they're starting to work on new city ordinances opposing such freebie camping.

Each vehicle parking overnight in a store lot is one less vehicle helping support the campground as a place of business. There are also questions of parking lots meeting the same health standards required of campgrounds.

The best bet is to check with the store manager if this is the route you

choose to take on a given overnight stop. If you don't, you could wind up with a hefty fine without knowing such an action is illegal in some places.

Do your homework in a new area. Be creative and you can cut the cost of your overnight stays if budget restraints are a necessary part of your RV travels.

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### PARE PARTS



### Olds to pace Indy

For the 10th time since 1949, Oldsmobile will set the pace at the Indianapolis 500. When the words, "Men, start your engines!" reiterate throughout the immense Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 28th, Oldsmobile's new 2001 Aurora will start something big — world's largest single-day sportscar. Oldsmobile made history in 1957 when it paced, raced, and won six engines based on the same engine. This year's 2001 Aurora has a 3.8-liter V8 engine.

### Driving business

Car sales are a huge business. According to a recent Associated Press report by Justin Hyde, automobile sales handled \$534 billion in 1998, which represented about 20 percent of U.S. retail sales. The average age of an automobile last year:

### Mixed messages for Mitsubishi

At a meeting with automotive journalists, Pierre Gagnon, recently promoted executive vice president and general manager of Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America, Inc., said the company has spent more than \$1 billion on advertising in the United States. Yet in a recent survey, Americans were astonished to learn that most of Americans didn't know about Mitsubishi sold cars.

### Benz does digital

Mercedes-Benz USA is the first auto maker to offer U.S. drivers a integrated digital cellular phone system. The auto maker and Mo-

tola have teamed up to offer a fully integrated digital StarTAC portable phone.

One of the smallest and lightest wireless phones on the market today, the dual-mode digital/analog StarTAC is now available on all model-year 2000 Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

The digital StarTAC integrated phone uses the most advanced digital cellular technology to reduce background noise, manage calls more efficiently and increase security and network capacity. It also offers a dual mode for analog operation in places where digital is not yet available.

As the digital StarTAC is so deeply integrated with the vehicle's electronic systems, drivers with this phone are offered several advanced features, including:

- Memory synchronicity - allows phone book and other data to automatically upload from the phone into the vehicle's auto system display.
- Multi-function dashboard and steering wheel control - so drivers can make calls using the in-dash display and steering wheel controls that are fully synchronized with the phone.

- Integrated radio features - helps eliminate distraction by automatically muting the radio and pausing the CD or cassette player.
- Voice recognition capabilities - on some models, allow phone calls to be managed through simple verbal commands.

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## Isuzu Amigo proves a friendly SUV option

If you haven't dipped your toe into the trendy sport utility vehicle market yet because there are too many shapes and sizes out there to confuse you, with more on the way, a trip to an Isuzu dealership could help set you straight. One of the few automakers to specialize in SUVs, Isuzu builds them big, small, strong, and high tech.

If all you need is an SUV to prove to the neighbors you're keeping up with them, the Amigo subcompact fits the bill, as well as your garage, without breaking the bank.

Assembled in Indiana, the \$15,000 Amigo is the most versatile of the group with a choice of either a detachable sunroof and a fold-down soft top, or a hardtop with separate sunroofs for front and backseat passengers. A rear-four-wheel drive, two-door SUV, it has a side-opening tailgate topped with the spare tire.

For 2000, Isuzu equips its small SUV with a standard 2.2-liter inline four-cylinder, 130 horsepower engine, or the upgrade, a 3.2-liter 205 horsepower V6. Engineering improvements provide high torque at low and intermediate speeds and better engine performance and greater fuel economy. Platinum-tipped spark plugs on the V6 have a service life of 100,000 miles.

Part of the Amigo's attraction is its relatively short 14-foot length that gives it an easy-to-handle tight turning circle, yet it can seat five passengers — four more comfortably — with lots of storage space.

Up one class is the compact-size Rodeo. The most popular of Isuzu's SUVs for its practicality and on sale here for the last eight years, the 2000 version is basically the same as for 1999 with the exception of a more rugged front end and a new standard-equipment suspension control

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By Jill Amadio

system. A computer monitors input from sensors on the chassis and shocks to adjust to one of seventeen different rebound rates for a smoother ride.

With three different versions and engines choose the same as the Amigo, the Rodeo has an electronic shift-on-the-fly four-wheel drive system operated by a button on the dash. You can speed along at 60 miles an hour and switch over to 4WD instantly. There are three Rodeo models: the base S with 2WD, the LS and top-of-the-line LSE both with 4WD.

If you want to look really tough, pick a special trim package called Ironman. An option on the LS with the V6, it has overfenders, bodyside moldings, 16-inch wheels and Ironman graphics. Air conditioning, cruise control, tilt steering, power windows, doors and moonroof and roof rack crossbars are all part of the package.

Moving up the line, the mid-size Trooper is Isuzu's largest SUV. Priced around \$28,000 — all 2000 Isuzu prices are holding to the 1999 line — this is the company's most roomy and comfortable. It comes in three models and 2WD or 4WD: S, LS and Limited.

The base S version has a four-cylinder; the LS and Limited are powered by a 215 horsepower, 3.5-liter aluminum V6, also available as an option on the S.

If you pick a Trooper with the new grade-sensing automatic transmission that prevents hunting back and forth between gears while

climbing or descending, it will be teamed with a torque-on-demand traction control system, great for almost any kind of road surface or driving condition. The system is full-time 4WD that maximizes cornering stability, high-speed stability and take-off performance on low-friction surfaces.

Manual transmission Troopers have a push button part-time 4WD system and a floor-mounted gear

lever to change from 4WD-high to 4WD-low.

Not all of Isuzu's SUVs, big or small, have features we've come to expect as standard equipment, such as variable intermittent windshield wipers, so check out the package and trim levels carefully to make sure they include the features you consider necessary.

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# 1950 Riley drophead still carries the day in classic style

Doug Campbell, an undergraduate at Clemson in 1965, went home to Concord, N.H., and convinced his father of the necessity of a student's having a car. In June 1965, father and son drove to Boston to investigate a 1950 Riley drophead they had seen advertised.

The younger Campbell recalls it was an unusually ugly olive drab green color; the top was rat-tay-looking, and during the test-drive the horn honked at every right turn. Still, the elegance captivated the young man. He purchased the car with the handsome lines and the big chrome landau bars and set off north for home, 75 miles distant. Once in New Hampshire, the green paint was stripped off and Campbell repainted his Riley with a coat of British racing green.

With autumn approaching, Campbell drove the 1,000 miles back to school without incident. During the next year he and his car with a leaky beige top became acquainted with two persons who would become influential. The first person was a British mechanic who managed to keep the car running, and convinced Campbell of the need to treasure the car.

"His fear," Campbell said, "was that the Riley would break down on the road and be towed to the junkyard."

The second person was a fellow student named Kay who agreed to ride in the Riley despite the lack of heater and the need for an um-

## Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

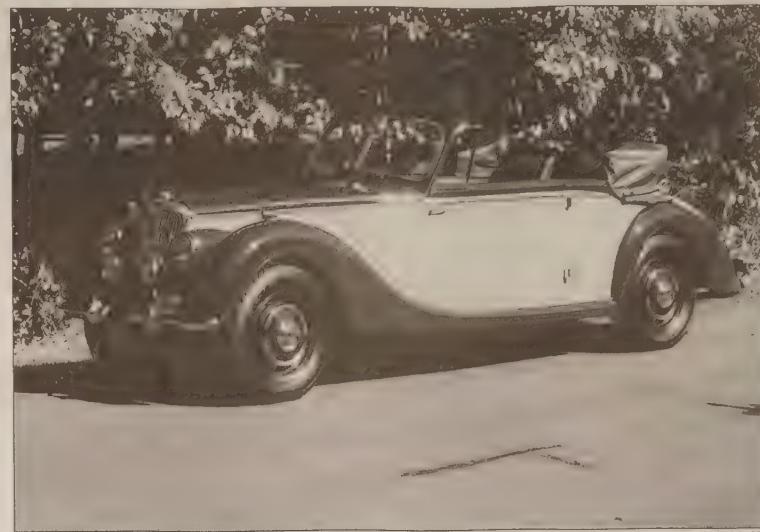
rella inside the car during rainstorms. She actually became so fond of the car that she named the distinguished-looking vehicle "Victor".

A year later, in 1966, Campbell drove his vehicle back home to New Hampshire, storing it in his father's barn. Even without Victor, Kay saw fit to marry her car pool buddy. While they were at the University of Kentucky, where Doug was a graduate student, the car languished in New Hampshire.

After school came a career in the Air Force. In 1980, Campbell was assigned to Belgium. With the idea of eventual restoration in its home country in mind, Victor was shipped to Antwerp. Soon after settling in Belgium, Campbell joined the Riley Club in England.

Through the club he met a fellow who could rebuild the mechanical part of the car. The 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine was rebuilt, along with the transmission. Now all the gears had all their teeth. The brake system, hydraulic in front and mechanical in rear, was also rebuilt.

With the mechanical gear restored, the Campbells went to England to retrieve the car. They gave it a thorough once-over. "When you slam the door and wood chips fall on the ground," Campbell's wife explains, "something is wrong." The



1950 RILEY DROPHEAD.

car was not taken home but instead delivered to an artisan in Durham, in northern England, who agreed to tackle the coach work.

He simply replaced the wooden skeleton of the car, reupholstered the interior and installed a new dark-

green-lined fitted convertible top. In exchange for a break on the price of restoration, the Campbells agreed not to expect fast service.

That agreement was stretched to the limit. The Campbells made frequent unannounced visits to check

on the progress or lack thereof. Campbell was fearful of losing one of the few surviving drophead Rileys. Only 500 were built between 1949 and 1951.

After a few years assigned in Belgium, Campbell was transferred to

Germany for another four years, after that he was reassigned stateside with Victor still incomplete. Finally in 1993, the Campbells received word that the car was done.

They flew to England when upon seeing the car, Campbell's wife had a premonition and urged her husband to have the car trucked to London. He did, and he's happy he did.

The man who rebuilt the car mechanically inspected the finished product in London and reported the restoration was correct, but the car had not been screwed back together properly. He told the relieved Campbells their Riley could not have made the trip to London and would have sustained major damage.

Campbell is now retired from Air Force and, though dragging the Riley around the world was a trial, he has no regrets. Working to get the Campbell's car raised or lowered the manual top in seconds. Then it's time to take a therapeutic drive in the elegant old car with the 6.00x16 Michelin tires smoothing out the bumps in the road as only a genuine man named Victor can do.

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181

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Newsletter: Overhead Cams

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PO Box 2029  
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

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Sandberg

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E-mail: j2george@pacbell.net

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Attn.: Jonas Waxman

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PO Box 700789

San Jose, CA 95170

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PO Box 2288

N. Highlands, CA 95660

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719 Wichita Dr.

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301 Preston Court

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-Compiled by staff

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**Women Auto Know**

By Mary Jackson

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In general, for a vehicle to qualify as a "lemon" (1) the problem must substantially impair the use, value, or safety of the vehicle, (2) the manufacturer must have been advised of the problem and, (3) they or their authorized dealership must have been given sufficient opportunity to correct it.

The specific requirements for asserting your rights under these lemon laws vary from state to state. The coverage time from the vehicle delivery date may be as brief as one year, or as long as two years. An authorized facility must have tried and failed to fix the same or different problem (this depends on how the state law is written) a predetermined number of times, usually three to four attempts.

Alternatively, the car must be out of service and in the repair shop for a specific number of days (usually 30 days, but not necessarily all at the same time) during the coverage period.

In some cases, if you win a lemon law claim you will get what you paid for the car. In other cases, the manufacturer may be allowed to deduct a small percentage of the car's cost for past use prior to the first notification of the defect.

Most states require that before you can sue under a lemon law, or be awarded a new car replacement or refund, you must submit the dispute to a certified arbitration program. Mediators hear both sides of

the dispute, and then make a judgment, which is usually binding on the manufacturer, but not on you.

The key to winning a judgement is to document your case. In other words, you have to dot every "i" and cross every "t". Keep a copy of the warranty repair order for every visit. There is usually no charge, so you'll often have to ask for this. Plan to be persistent.

Most importantly, each repair order must specifically describe the problem using the same words each time, and not just the item that was fixed. In addition, keep careful notes on whom you spoke to, when and what was said. Put all your complaints in writing. Send them certified return receipt requested, and always keep a copy for yourself. Keep emphasizing that you no longer believe this vehicle is reliable.

If you don't win your case in arbitration, you can still bring suit in a higher court. If you decide to seek the advice of an attorney, there are several sources that list the names of lawyers in your area who specialize in handling automotive problems. You can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Center for Auto Safety, 2001 S. St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, or contact www.autosafety.org/lemon\_laws.

Fighting a giant auto manufacturer may feel like a scene out of David and Goliath, but the lemon laws are definitely leveling the playing field. With patience, persistence, and careful attention to details, you can turn lemon into lemonade.

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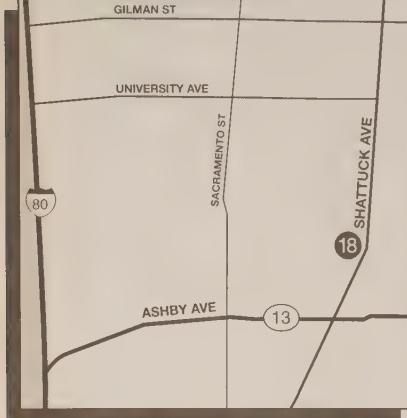
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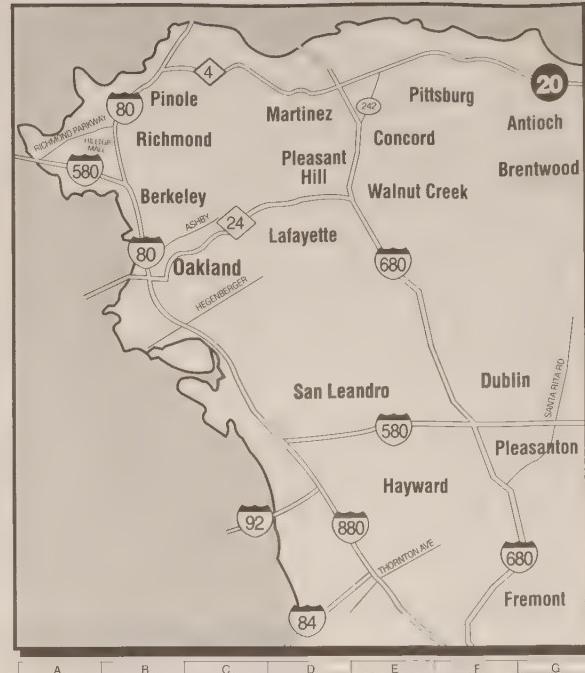
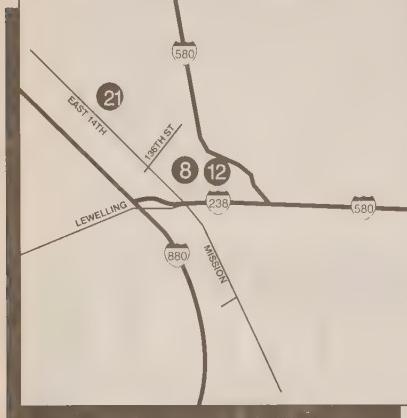
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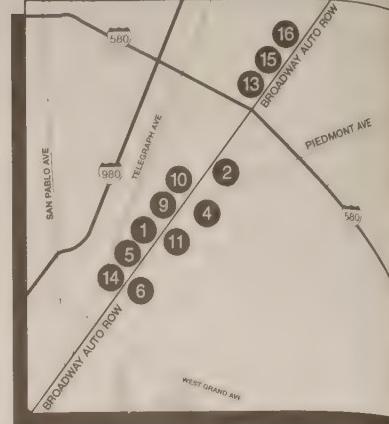
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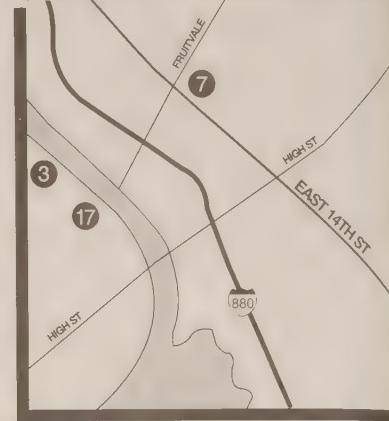
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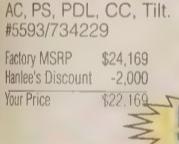
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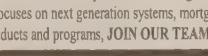
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